

UVM Welcomes Class of 2006



Andy Duback/VC Staff

First-years gather on the campus green during the induction ceremony. The University welcomed 1,800 new students this year.

Induction Among Welcome Activities

By JACKIE OLTHOFF

Many people are already talking about this year's incoming freshman class.

The buzz throughout the UVM community is that the class of 2006 is a cut above the rest.

"For a school to have an increase in applications of three or four percent in one year, is quite an accomplishment," said Don Honeman, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid.

"This year we had an increase of about 19 percent in applications from last year."

This increase in interest in UVM allowed the admissions committee to be much more selective in their acceptance process.

This means that on average SAT scores, and the average high-school class rank of applicants, is much higher than in prior years.

Honeman also stated that up until last year, about 80 percent of all students who applied to UVM were accepted. This year, that number has dropped to 71 percent.

This is because students had to fulfill higher academic and extracurricular standards to make the cut. "This year is about to

'This year is about to unfold with a first-year class that is really here for all the right reasons.'

-Don Honeman

Director of Admissions

unfold with a freshman class that is really here for all the right reasons," said Honeman.

Looking back at the history of UVM admissions, the school was considered a "Public Ivy" back in the 1980's.

Since then, admissions standards and student interest have dwindled, making UVM drop from such a competitive standpoint.

Mr. Honeman states that he, as well as the rest of the admissions team, is truly committed to maintaining the academic standards that have come with this incoming class.

"With this new academic standard the 'party school' image will fade."

"The fact that people recognize that UVM is no longer a shoe-in, definitely increases the University's reputation," said Honeman.

"The most powerful recruiting tool is the current students. Word of mouth is very effective," said

Honeman.

Despite the increase of applications, the University only admitted 1,860 first year students, compared to last years 1,849.

Annie Stevens, from the Division of Student Affairs, says that there are only a few changes in the housing department.

First, there is now first year housing available in Jean Mance, located on Pearl Street, a block away from main campus.

The University has also expanded housing at Trinity College, from 70 beds to 100.

Stevens feels that these changes should alleviate some of the crowding in the dorms.

A new tradition to welcome and celebrate the incoming class was also started this year. It was called the "Twilight Induction" and was held the evening of Sunday August 26th.

At 7:30 p.m. the RA staff escorted all the first year students to the University Green. Each first-year student received a candle and formed a circle of about 1,200 students.

President Fogel addressed the class carrying a torch, and welcomed the new students into the University of Vermont.

Office of Judicial Affairs Has Instituted New Policies for Fall Semester

By KRISTIN DOBBS

The Office of Judicial Affairs (OJA) has instituted new policies this fall in an attempt to make the judicial process more productive and timely.

One policy now being enforced is that hearing officers will be more consistent when it comes to bringing students up for suspension.

"In the past, students could have gone through the judicial process three, five, seven times before ever being reviewed for suspension," said Robert Kelly, Assistant to the Vice President, Division of Student Affairs.

"If an incident is aggravated, a student could now be up for suspension quite early, even after the first incident."

According to Kelley, the changes in policy are based on two things.

"Our first priority is the health and safety of all students.

"Secondly, students have been held to higher standards than they were even in the 1990's, and students have risen to meet them.

Student health and safety is

also the main concern of the Department of Residential Life.

Kristen Kazmarek, the Assistant Director of Residential Life, believes the new policies, holding students accountable for their actions, helps the welfare of the general community.

"This will absolutely help," said Kazmarek.

"It is important that students take this change seriously. Not only because of the use and abuse of alcohol and other substances, but because the number of students going to detox is up, the number of sexual assaults is increasing, along with a large amount of threatening, belligerent behavior related to alcohol.

"No one should have to feel unsafe where they live."

Along with the safety of the students, this new policy will also help support the staff of the residence halls.

"Many of the changes were made with input from the staff of Residential Life, who need support from the Office of Judicial Affairs concerning the behavior of residents in maintaining the entire

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First-year students take time to sign the wall at the Candlelight Ceremony.

University Outlines Plans to Work with Burlington

The University of Vermont and the city of Burlington held a joint press conference August 23 both to acknowledge the progress that has been made in addressing off-campus student behavior and quality of life issues in recent years and to announce a series of new steps the city and university will be taking in these areas. Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle

and UVM President Daniel Fogel made remarks, as did John Badaracco, president of UVM's Student Government Association, and Shawna Wells, SGA vice president.

In all, nine new initiatives will be launched, beginning in the fall semester.

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Wise Words to the Pride of the Pack

After a nice, long summer break, we at the Cynic would like to welcome everyone to the UVM community, whether this year is one's first or fourth time coming.

Last year was a year full of changes, and this one looks to be no different. A new president, new policies and new faces around campus.

But some things will never change around here: the friendly atmosphere, the good times and the awesome views.

This year looks to be one full of opportunity to do great things.

The class of 2006 is the most competitive class since the 1980's to attempt to walk through the hallowed halls of UVM.

There are new groups on campus and new activities to try. New classes to take and new professors to meet.

As one settles into a routine here at UVM this fall, we here at the Cynic would offer one piece of advice to the Class of 2006. In fact, the rest of you can listen up, too.

Don't be dumb. For some, this goes without saying, but for others, a gentle reminder won't hurt.

Now, this doesn't mean not to do dumb things like taking the commuter bus instead of the on-campus shuttle, forgetting to set one's alarm or even parking in that Zone I lot that looks a lot like Redstone parking.

Everyone does those dumb things once in a while, but hopefully not too often.

The warning is more about not doing the dumb things that would get one in trouble and force him/her to spend a lot of time in front of a hearing officer.

College is about having fun, and everyone knows that. But having fun is one thing, and putting one's self and others into danger is entirely another.

There are plenty of ways to have a good time on the weekends that don't involve spending the remainder of the night next to the toilet, or worse, in the back of the cop car.

Not trying to come off as parental, this is just a piece of advice being sent out as a best friend.

No one wants to see his/her roommate/friend/girlfriend/classmate have to pack up and take that cool couch back home.

No one wants to see his/her friend be suspended, go to detox, or worse, seriously hurt themselves.

Take care of each other, and be respectful not only to others, but to yourself.

Go to sporting events, go downtown, have a good time. But don't be dumb.

When "PC" Annoys, Not Computes

With the recent implementation of Policy 20, which doesn't allow posters or flags to be hung from dorm room doors and windows, there has been plenty of talk of the university becoming too "politically correct."

It is understandable to be sensitive to people who find things offensive that hang from dorm room doors. In the privacy of one's room, he/she can hang anything he/she would like. But when it comes to a hallway, things tend to become a little grayer.

One of the questions being thrown around in this debate is, "Who determines what is ok and what isn't?"

In this case, it seems the Office of Judicial Affairs is avoiding the situation by not allowing anything on doors.

For some, this is understandable, because some things might be offensive to some and not to others.

Someone might take offense to a poster

about beer and sex on the door, while others might take offense to a "Yankees Suck" sign.

But does one's personal sensitivities merit removing everything from people's doors?

For some, decorations are a great way to express themselves and say things about themselves in a positive way that they might not be able to verbalize. But for others, it's just something fun to do, making their floor seem more homey and inviting.

The main question to be discussed here is this: is the university attempting to become too "PC?" In the real world, people can't ask others to remove that bumper sticker from their car or that sign from their front yard, due to our First Amendment.

The authorities are trying to make UVM a safe and pleasant environment, and that is understandable. But when caution crosses the line to restrict students' free speech rights, it becomes another story.

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UVM Learns Me Up Right Nice and Me Likey



Ashley Lyons
Cynic Columnist

So I thought summer held for me an internship at this funky liberal publication called The New Haven Advocate.

My thoughts were mostly, Hey, sweet! People with such hardcore grammar fetishes as my own! People who

also want to spend the sultry summer months tweaking gerunds!

Since February, this summer internship had been my ploy to acquire bones (an indulgence, really, as I would be receiving cash money purely for feeding my Frankenstein by fondling error-riddled articles and columns), so I'm sure you'll pardon my surprise at the editor's total cessation of communication with me prior to work even beginning.

Oh, bewitching publication that initially attracted me for its spirited edge which ultimately damned me! Sure, the open-minded, artistic spice of this paper and its people would have them the sort to cut its folks slack, but then, folks must cut them slack, including such occasions as in their peacing out on me at the crucial time of, ah yes, hiring.

Enter the summer of UVM dreams and Burlington wishes.

I strongly believe I am not alone in my desires to have been back up north when, instead, I was home, paired with intermittently drifting.

Of course, well-spaced among the constant job search at fine establishments like The Yarn Barn, Firelite Corset Shop and La Port de Bras, the tides

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sometimes graciously floated me out to boundlessly cool and downright fun events and places such as Tennessee's uber maensch of a music festival, the Widespread Panically-inclined Bonnaroo (rock on, sweet Mikey), and Vermont's challenging and gnarly Long Trail (inspired and accompanied by one fleet-of-foot UVMissary called Jibba).

The bulk of my summer months was, though, spent at home, so overall misfortune continued.

But my rut did serve as a vessel to further the underhanded commentary-capabilities of my mother, so perhaps I inadvertently aided her in finally acquiring ease with witticisms.

On a legitimately positive note, I am absolutely more in touch with my pet cat than ever, able to certainly interpret each and every squeak and rumination from her inner feline.

I mean, I'm no James Herriot, but I do put the latter adjective in "All creatures great and small," and my spine now curls into a gentle "C" shape as I snuggle at the feet of allergic passersby.

Additionally, maybe most rewarding of all my nonendeavours, I read some great books.

I dug John Irving's *The World*

According to Garp, variously laughing and vomiting as that wacky Garp chased down speeding motorists and bit off a dog's ear.

Also, after my engorged ankle healed from its venture into both the aforementioned Trail as well as Achilles tendonitis territory, I even resumed regularly running-just in time for my road to

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be freshly-clad in gravel, a smooth surface very soothing to bare flesh when hit at a fast and furious pace.

And, there can be do denial that the announcement of Phish's reunion acted as a pleasurable and altogether welcome (ok, sheer slice o' caterwaul-inducing happy) distraction from the norm, but no amount of sheerly amazing hiatus terminations nor elbow grease could fully excommunicate the fact that I was as desirable an employee as defunct 80's fashions.

Indeed, the bulk of my time was spent not getting hired until I ultimately decided to advertise my services.

For once, reaping benefits of the luck and not just the unavoidable sunburn of the Irish, as I mounted fliers, frantic parents caught me in the act.

Then, on bended knee, they asked me if I would please relieve them of their duties. So, then, throughout the rest of the summer, for a nominal fee, I babysat small rat children as if it were my job, which it was.

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Yeah, truth be told, I may have enjoyed the Yonder Mountain String Band's sweet bluegrass serenades at a Northampton, MA club, guffawed uproariously with mine pops and aunt at Arlo Guthrie's musings during the third day of the Newport Folk festival and even gotten a little teary-eyed at the prospect of leaving the wee bouncy ones whose dependence earned me all the pickled yams I could eat-no question.

Yet, first priority and primary appetite always was a safe and speedy voyage back to the Land of Promise, Canadian Studies and expertly-crafted patchwork: a Phish concert! UVM, too, though...

Editor's Note: This unemployed columnist and UVM enthusiast was, the day before she returned to her own personal academic paradise, offered a job at her favorite store, Sunshine Daydream, where she had not even thought to apply because everyone and his/her llama wants to work there and a store of its caliber is never hiring...

Speculation still exists as to why she could not get a "real" job, but some notable theories include her distinct resemblance to most eleven-year-olds, her hair (a popular theory with her mom) and her habit of making free-form sculptures out of office employees and their loved ones.

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No Room for Squares

By MIKE BANYAS

What's the definition of a Liberal? A Conservative who has been arrested. What's the definition of a Conservative? A Liberal who has been mugged. The word "Liberal" has often carried connotations of naivete and fuzzy-headedness, but are these labels accurate?

A Liberal's main critics tend to be Conservatives who find fault with Liberals on many different levels. Moderate Conservatives characterize liberals as too compassionate and as living in a dream world. Far-right Conservatives view Liberals as uncontrolled, immoral Radicals. They believe that if Liberals succeed, the American system of government will fall into a period of collapse and anarchy.

In reality, what Liberals believe in is a realistic and progressive government. Now, when I say progressive, this is not a reference to the Progressive Party in Vermont. These Progressives are useless and only know how to complain rather than to legislate and devise policy.

But the notions of Liberals go far deeper than those of progressive government. Liberals are open-minded, individualistic and compassionate to other people's needs. Liberals also realize that not everyone is a Liberal, and thus, strive to compromise.

Open-mindedness is a crucial characteristic that Liberals possess. By having an open mind, an individual can take into account all sides and opinions contributing to any argument. Liberals listen objectively. Closed-mindedness is a significant reason why Jim Jeffords defected from the Republican Party in 2001.

Liberals attempt to craft an idea or policy based upon what best suits society. In his essay, "On Liberty," John Stuart

Mill, a political philosopher, emphasized never dismissing an idea. Mill believed that all ideas and opinions, whether good or bad, should be heard. Mill insisted that good points can be derived even from bad ideas.

Conservatives also complain that the Liberal attribute of compassion further clouds a Liberal's decision-making ability, leading to irrational decisions made in government.

However, Liberal compassion has spawned some of the most successful social programs in our country's history. These programs include Medicare, Social Security and Welfare as Liberals believe the government should serve the people as much as the people serve the government.

Conservatives argue that Liberals think with their hearts rather than their heads, and claim that Liberals deal with problems irrationally through appeasement or massive government spending rather than by facing the given situation.

However, never forget what Liberals have given our society. Liberals President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and President Harry Truman helped begin laying the groundwork for peace in Europe, a peace that has lasted into modern times. Liberals such as Pat Leahy (D-VT) fight in the Senate to protect Americans' individual and civil rights against hateful fanatics like Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Indeed, Liberals have made mistakes, including President Johnson's Great Society and the entire Jimmy Carter presidency. But Liberals have always worked to provide the best government for the American people. They recognize that, as a diverse group of people with different opinions, needs and backgrounds, listening and compromising solve problems.



Jon Kantor
Cynic Columnist

Late last semester, a controversy broke out when a student hung a Confederate Flag in his dorm room window. This raised such a furor that the interim president sent out a campus-wide e-mail stating that he asked the resident to take it down, and while he respected the student's freedom of expression, "This public display, in combination with [some anonymous] bias incidents, have created a campus climate that is antithetical to the educational mission and 'Common Ground' values of this institution."

This was a reasonable, if politically correct, response: no punitive action was taken because no crime or violation was committed.

As a direct result, the administration has gotten so petrified of evoking anyone's sensitivities that it has turned last year's 'incident' into a ridiculous PC hit parade.

As of right now, the Department of Residential Life and the Office of Judicial Affairs have enacted a rule that states, "Posters, signs, banners, flags, handbills, notices, pictures or other displays are prohibited in residence hall windows, the outside of doors and in any other area visible from outside a student's residence hall room."

It is now against Residential Life policy for a student to hang the US Flag, or any other flag, in his or her dorm room window or to position it anywhere where it can be seen from outside the room, including from the hallway when the door is open.

No "Support Our Troops" banners nor antiwar posters are allowed. No decorations are permitted for Halloween or St. Patrick's Day.

The only items that resi-

dents have thus far been permitted to put on their doors are dry-erase boards and gay-friendly "ALLY" cards.

Already there is selective enforcement based on RA's preferences and sensitivities. This is absolute, unadulterated garbage.

Are there going to be exceptions for rainbow flags during "Coming Out Week" but not for the US flag on 9/11/02?

Are there going to be exceptions for peace banners but not "Support Our Troops" banners? Abridging students' freedom of expression to cater to "progressive" political or personal sensitivities puts us on a slippery slope. Where is it going to end?

So what to do? Could it be that yours truly is advocating Civil Disobedience within the dorms? The majority of the RA's know that this new directive is junk, as do most residents.

This is a clear inhibition

of the student body's right to freedom of expression. So let's do the following: beginning next Monday, through 9/11 and for the rest of the week, position a US flag in your window so that anyone CAN see it from the outside.

Dare the University to cite you for flying your flag. Dare some overzealous RA to make you remove it.

Dare him/her to call the police because you're flying "Old Glory." Watch the fun when the press finds out if he/she does.

There is no possible way that we will take down our flags because someone in the administration or in the Department of Residential Life or the Office of Judicial Affairs thinks that they are "politically incorrect."

If we all raise our flags, there will be nothing -NOTHING- that the administration can do about it. Maybe then the Department of Student Affairs will do away with this foolish, misguided regulation.



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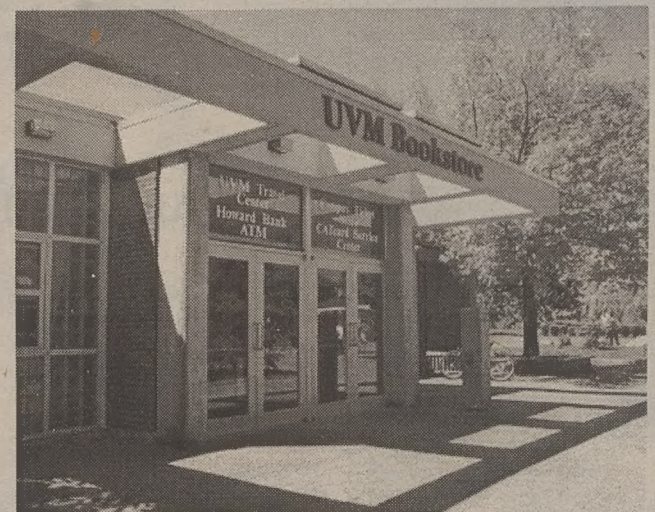
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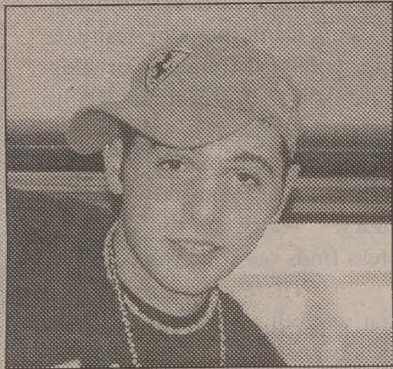
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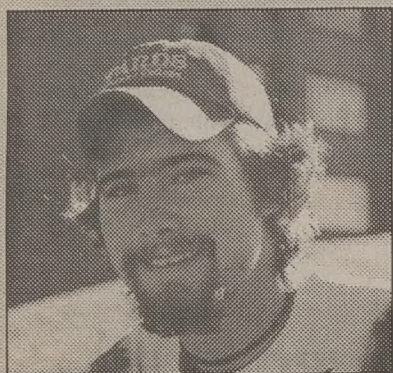
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What is your opinion of UVM
as a first-year student?



"UVM is a place I've always
wanted to go. Now that I'm here,
it's even better than what I imag-
ined".

Dustin Sigler, 2006, Castleton, VT



"It's awesome here".

Dave "D5" McCabe, 2006,
Medfield, MA



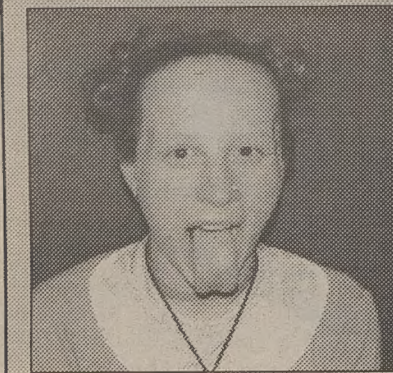
"It's definately a chill place".

Jay Sawczak, 2006, Long Beach
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Judicial Affairs to Hold Students Responsible for Off-Campus Behavior

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community" said Kazmerak.

Some students think the changes in procedure will help the whole system.

"This will help to improve the system because it used to take so long," said sophomore Wes Tank- Day. "This has been a long-time coming. It will make students take more responsibility for their actions."

"People come to school and think they can do whatever they want. It will make people consider their actions more carefully if there are consequences."

Another change this year is holding students responsible for their actions off-campus.

'Just because something is socially acceptable doesn't make it less illegal.'

-Kristen Kazmerak
Assistant Director of
Residential Life

"We're focusing on educational programming," said Kelly. "We're going to be addressing off-campus problems as well."

"This can result in anything from a letter to the student and their parents to dismissal from the University for their actions downtown."

With these new changes students will be expected to adhere to the University Code of Conduct both on and off campus,

as representatives of UVM.

"This will force students to be responsible, which can be new for some folks," said Kazmerak.

"Just because something is socially acceptable doesn't make it less illegal."

"Students' actions downtown affect our neighbors."

"If the university does not hold students responsible off campus, it shows the community that we don't care what's going on in their backyards, which is not the case."

"There is a huge level of concern in the larger community if the university doesn't take this stuff seriously."

"This impacts everyone, and we have to re-evaluate our efforts."

The Cynic's Guide to Burlington

By LINDSAY BUDNIK

Need a quick, fun escape from school for a little bit? Downtown Burlington is the place to go. Only a ten-minute walk from the UVM campus, it's where students can go to do some great shopping, eat at fine restaurants, chill out at coffee shops, or enjoy the waterfront.

Although there are tons of places to go and things to do downtown, here's a sampling of students' favorite getaways:

Coffee Houses

- * Muddy Waters
- 184 Main St.
- * Uncommon Grounds
- 42 Church St.

Dining

- * Onion River Co-Op
- 82 South Winooski Avenue
-"It's a great place if you need to do some grocery shopping or get a quick bite. Also, the people there are awesome and helpful." -Sara Schnipper, '05
- * Red Onion Deli
- 104 * Church St.
-"I'm a big fan. It's the only place I eat lunch." -Brianne Olivieri, '05
- * Sweetwaters
- 118 Church St.
-"There's a lot of variety and it's in a nice atmosphere." -Liz Abrams, '05

Movie Theater

- * Hoyts Nickelodeon
- 222 College St.
- Current films are played throughout the week and during weekends

Music/Theater

- * Flynn Theater
- 153 Main St.
- Past productions and performers include: Ani DiFranco, the ballet "The Nutcracker"
- Future productions and performers include: the Broadway production "RENT," the Indigo Girls
- * Memorial Auditorium
- 250 Main St.
- Past bands and performers include: 311, Live
- "It's a nice, intimate atmosphere that hosts big-name bands." -David Honeman, '05

Nightlife

- * Millennium Dance Club
- 165 Church St.
- Under 21 must be in before 11:00 pm
- "Different types of dance music are played--hip hop, metal, reggae, and contemporary." -Kimberly LeMay, '05

Miscellaneous

- * Burlington Waterfront
- "I like to go to the waterfront to play touch football with friends or to watch the sunset." -Beth Rice, '03

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all designed to tackle our mutual problems directly and expeditiously.

The city will strengthen its Noise Ordinance, increasing fines, particularly for violations involving noisy house parties.

The university will also use other means at its disposal to deal with problem behavior, including early and direct intervention with "problem houses" by university officials in cooperation with city officials and notification of parents for student alcohol and drug-related violations, under the protocols of federal student privacy law.

All UVM students will receive a direct communication from the university president notifying them of their responsibilities both on and off campus and outlining

the serious consequences of problem behaviors.

On a pilot basis for the Fall semester, UVM's Campus Area Transportation System will provide service between the campus and downtown Burlington until 2:30 am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in an effort to reduce late-night student foot traffic through neighborhoods.

For the first time, police officers from the university and the city will work in concert — via joint patrols — to address off-campus student behavior issues, with Burlington police issuing citations if necessary.

The teams will patrol targeted neighborhoods on high activity nights, especially in early Fall and late Spring.

The city will file public nuisance actions in Chittenden

Superior Court against landlords and tenants when notices and tickets fail to stop disruptive behavior or blighted conditions.

The quality of life in Burlington is important not only to city residents, but to the University of Vermont, as well.

UVM students are a positive asset to the community, and the vast majority are good and productive citizens. As in most university towns, though, conflicts inevitably arise.

The steps outlined today represent effective strategies for addressing chronic problems, and both Mayor Clavelle and President Fogel look forward to working closely with city officials, local residents, and students to improve and strengthen this vibrant community.

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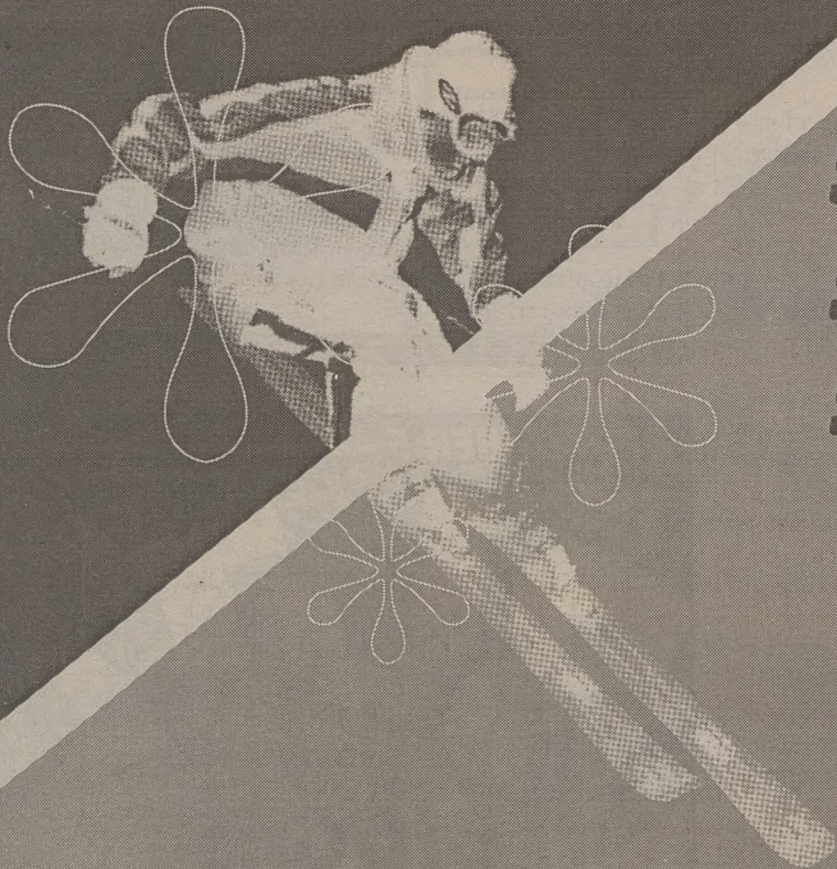
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9. Walking is often faster than the shuttle bus.

8. High school relationships rarely ever last, but if they do, you definitely have something special.

7. The only people discriminated against at UVM are those without parking permits.

6. Don't expect to find "The One" at a basement beer party.

5. Never walk home alone from a party. No matter how bad your date was. As safe as this town may seem, I have heard horror stories. Call Safe Ride.

4. Don't date anyone on your floor. You'll come to regret it later on.

3. The grocery store is actually a good place to meet guys.

2. Don't walk through the dorms with open beverages. You will get caught. And your friends will laugh at you.

1. Don't bring every college boyfriend/ girlfriend home to meet your parents, they'll start to think they're wasting their money.

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Gang Violence Threatens UVM

By ANDREW WOODS

ENTERTAINMENT

With another academic year beginning, there is one question on everyone's mind: How much gang violence can we expect on the campus of UVM this year? The gangs of yesteryear were all too conspicuous.

Needless to say their protégés learned quickly that if any gang is to survive today, they would have to conceal their identity and the identities of their members. No more tattoos, soldier flags or gang signs. Gangs at UVM have become far more subversive.

I had been tracking the largest of the known gangs at UVM (since their gang had no name, and I needed some way to identify them, I chose the name Los Gatos de Perros), but had enjoyed limited success in gaining their trust.

One of my sources (the staff of the Cynic had begun calling my source Deep Cavity, because of "their" status on deep background. The second part of the name referring to the dental hygiene of my source) had given me a description of the members of this gang: Approximately 99% female members, most wear medium-tight to tight jeans; t-shirt/blouse/sweater; sneakers or sandals; limited make-up use.

If I was to infiltrate their gang I would need to operate incognito, slick as

a slug. So of course I assumed a new identity.

Name: Nico Green. Description: Medium build, large tinted glasses, English pea coat, South American accent. Occupation: Freelance photographer. Other info: Enjoys horse racing, the band "Loverboy", that show where Ice-T plays a cop.

It was then I realized I had no idea how to communicate with gang members of any kind. Indeed they would have an entirely different vocabulary complete with unintelligible references that would seem all too foreign to an investigative journalist. I would need some help with this, so I consulted the movie "Training Day" starring Denzel Washington.

After deciding that watching "Training Day" had given me more than enough experience in communicating with gangs, I resigned myself to confronting, greeting, and hanging out with this gang using the dialogue from the movie.

My first attempt to contact Los Gatos de Perros, began in a place known as a local hangout for many of the members-the gymnasium. As I walked through the front of the gym I spotted one of their members behind a desk labeled "Information".

Gang Member: "How can I help you?"

Me: "Damn! I'm thirsty? You want a beer?"

Gang Member: "Excuse me?"

Me: "King Kong ain't got nothin' on me!"

Gang Member: "What?"

Me: "How do you feel



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff
A suspected gang member seen on the UVM campus.

about kinky stuff?"

With that she landed the first of two slaps. It was obvious at this point that members of the Los Gatos de Perros gang were unafraid to use physical violence in any context, against anyone. Including a freelance photographer. Luckily I was prepared.

I pulled out two canisters of pepper spray - one per hand - and left my assailant rolling on the ground clawing at her eyes. I then landed one kick to her ribs before I saw her "girls" coming after me. "You won't terrorize this campus any-

more! We will fight you hoodlums!" I screamed as I ran from the Gym. As I was running away, I saw a high-ranking member of the S.G.A. "Why not?" I thought.

No doubt, the sting of pepper was less than comfortable, even for a member of the S.G.A.

My investigation was over before it began. It would appear that the gang members I sought to investigate had connections within the legal system, as evidenced by the "restraining order" filed by at least one G&P and one S.G.A. member. As it stands, my investigation is unable to continue, and the gangs at UVM enjoy a lack of media scrutiny.

So, journalistically speaking, I'm naked. Where is Deep Cavity anyway?

Andrew Woods is a Cynic reporter, astrologer and member of the class of 2005.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Quotes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Looking wealthy is very important for attracting a mate, Bill Gates claims he gets laid all the time. The Stars seriously doubt this...then again, they don't get laid very much either.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

The Stars work in mysterious ways. One of those ways includes getting odd jobs from their buddy that works for the State. Sure, it's pouring concrete, but it's work.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You and your high-class friends have been having trouble lately. Suggestion: Instead of blaming yourself or your friends, try blaming financial mogul Donald Trump. He's an easy target.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

You've always had trouble interacting with the opposite sex. Maybe you should work on your personal skills. Everyone likes rock music. Try speaking to people in lyrics from popular bands; bands like: Pussmama G and the Furious Two, Bow Wow Wow, 2 Live Crew, and that band that Russel Crowe plays in.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

West Nile virus is everywhere. Keep this in mind when you describe your symptoms to a medical professional. He will then tell you that you are in fact wrong and your symptoms are closer to Syphilis. You will then ask what Syphilis is and he will explain your condition to you and end by placing his finger in his mouth by his cheek, and then move his fin-

ger forward making a "pop" sound. It will be hilarious.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

So you think you're something, now that you're attending State University. Ken Woodbury of Vail, CO. doesn't think very much of that...not much at all.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

So you're the one person who happened to like the movie Swordfish starring John Travolta? Wow...wow.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Jokes can be funny, but they can also hurt. Take this one for example: What's the difference between you and Lance Armstrong? Answer: Lance Armstrong's latest "ball to the walls" performance led him to another Tour de France victory. See jokes can be fun.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

Everyone wants to be successful in life. Many rich and famous people have relied on The Stars to know when/how they will be successful, these people include: Joey Buddafuco, Gary Coleman, Vanilla Ice, prop comic Gallagher, the creators of Will & Grace, etc. Follow their lead.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Try not to over exert yourself this week (wink). It could be bad (wink).

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You think you're cool because you worked at a yacht club? Think again.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Try expanding your diet to include ethnic "foods". Example: Chinese food will make a good addition to your food repetoir...try serving with a side of humiliation!

"[The] Vice President mentioned Nigeria is a fledgling democracy. We have to work with Nigeria. That's an important continent.

-George W. Bush, Presidential debate, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Oct. 11, 2000

"There is one thing I would break up over and that is if she caught me with another woman. I wouldn't stand for that."

-Steve Martin

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT UVM SEPT 3-10

TUESDAY

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. EVENT: "Got Asthma? Get Facts at the Champlain Valley Fair." Information and Experts from the Vermont Lung Center and the American Lung Association of Vermont available at fair exhibit. Free 2-minute lung testing, information on research and local clinical trials, educational displays and literature, free balloons, daily raffle drawings. Champlain Valley Fair, Robert E. Miller Expo Center, Booth #103. Information: Mary Lynn, R.N., Vermont Lung Center at UVM, (802) 656-6982.

Noon to 1 p.m. SEMINAR: "A genetic screen for the selection of differentiation mutants in the protozoan parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*," Dr. Mariana L. Matrajt, University of Pennsylvania, Stafford Hall 101. Information: (802)656-2164. local non-profit agencies and vendors provide information and freebies, food and music. Billings Student Center, Information: 656-2060

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EVENT: Activities Fest, UVM Student Clubs & Organizations, local non-profit agencies and vendors provide information and freebies, food and music. Billings Student Center, Information: 656-2060

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. SYMPOSIUM: Vermont Cancer Center Holds Kick-Off Event for National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer in men (second to skin cancer). This symposium will provide community members with direct access to experts and information about ongoing research studies in the areas of prostate cancer prevention and treatment. Meet faculty including a urologic surgeon, a radiation oncologist and a medical oncologist as well as cancer survivors. UVM College of Medicine, Health Science Research Facility Gallery (ground floor). Information: Martha Bunnell, 802-847-6108.

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. to noon EVENT: "Dairy Replacements on Pasture." Shelburne Farms Dairy, Shelburne (call for directions). Information: Betty LaMothe, UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, (802) 656-5459, <mailto:susagctr@zoo.uvm.edu>.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. VIDEO: "Land of Look Behind," documents the funeral of reggae musician Bob Marley, and is an exploration of the lives of the Jamaican people. Presented to coincide with Fleming Museum exhibit. Part of the Center for Cultural Pluralism Fall Video Series. Allen House room 104, 461 Main St. Information: 656-8833. <mailto:mromary@zoo.uvm.edu>

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EVENT: "Coping with Separation and Divorce" Parenting Seminar. Washington Family Court, 255 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641. Send registration form and \$20 (check payable to UVM Extension) to Washington Family Court Manager's Office 5 working days before class. For more registration information call (802) 479-4205 or visit <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/cope/> for a registration form. For program content information call Arlene Conant, 1-800-698-1581, or <mailto:judy.branch@uvm.edu> (Extension Family and Community Development Specialist).

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. EVENT: Women's Center Backyard BBQ. Free food served by the men's hockey team for students returning to campus. Join us for a picnic, vegetarian options will be available, and bring your favorite CD to play! Women's Center. Information: Women's Center, 656-7892

SATURDAY

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER: Vs. Harvard. Centennial Field.

1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. TALK: "Grace Coolidge Day." Presentations include: "Women and the Republican Party," Melanie Gustafson, History Department; "A Retrospective on Grace Coolidge," Fran DeSimone Becque, National Pi Beta Phi; "Grace Coolidge and Modern Presidential Wives," Robert P. Watson, Author and foremost authority on presidential wives. Call for other events and activities honoring Coolidge's 100th UVM graduation anniversary. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: Coolidge Foundation, 802-223-1909.

MONDAY

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. LECTURE: "Issues in Nutrition: The Hard Truth About Soft Drinks," Rachel Johnson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Part of President's Lecture Series for First-Year Students. Campus Center Theatre, Billings Student Center.

Have an event you want to advertise in the Cynic? Send us an email at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu, or mail it to us snail mail at B156 Billings Student Center, Burlington VT 05405. Please send it by Friday by noon to guarantee it to be in the next issue.

Farnham Looks to Give Back to His Family

(continued from back)

Active in community and civic organizations, Farnham is involved in Burlington International Rotary, the Vermont Special Olympics, Burlington Boys and Girls Club, South Burlington Youth Baseball and Faith United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Diane, a 1973 UVM graduate, live in South Burlington. Their son, Dan, graduated from UVM in 2001 with a degree in physical therapy, while daughter Stephanie graduated from Middlebury College in May of 2002.

While serving as director of athletics, UVM enjoyed great success in a number of varsity sports. The women's basketball team qualified for three NCAA tournaments, while the ski team won two national titles and the men's soccer team also qualified for the NCAA tournament.

In 1996, the men's hockey team advanced to the Frozen Four after winning the ECAC regular-season title.

In 2001-02, both the men's and women's basketball teams won America East regular-season titles. In addition, women's ice hockey was elevated from a club sport to varsity status during Farnham's tenure.

In 1991, Farnham was the recipient of the University's College of Education "Charlie Christensen Award" honoring a graduate who has shown outstanding leadership and made a minimum of 10 years of professional contribution to the field of athletics and physical education.

Farnham was also inducted into the Vermont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993, and was named ECAC Administrator of the Year in 2001.

"My closest friends have known all along that my plans were to retire after my children graduated from college," Farnham said. "Well,



Sports Info
Rick Farnham was named ECAC Administrator of the year in 2001

they are now on their own and I want the ability to enjoy my life away from UVM.

"My family, especially my wife, has made sacrifices over the last 30 years and now it is time to give back to them.

"Retirement doesn't mean the end for me," he continued. "I have plenty of interests that I would like to pursue. I plan to remain active in the community, but I haven't decided just what to do during my retirement years, and I won't think about that until the end of the 2002-03 seasons because there are several things to keep me busy here at Vermont.

"I am looking forward to retirement and being able to cheer on the Catamounts from a different perspective. UVM and the Burlington community will always be special to me."

-Sports Info.

Men's Soccer, Field Hockey Announce Captains

Seniors Keli Helgason, Tim Parisi and Adam Wallace and have been named the captains for the University of Vermont men's soccer team, head coach Roy Patton announced last Friday.

"These three players really give us a great blend of leadership," noted Patton on his tri-captains. "Each can step forward in different ways, on and off the field."

All three players have been starters for the Catamounts in each of their seasons at UVM. They will lead the team as they prepare for its goal of returning to the conference playoffs after a year of transition (4-9-3) in 2001. Each player was a key contributor in 2000 when Vermont won the America East Championship and advanced to the NCAA College Cup.

One of the most skilled players

on the team, Helgason will lead the defense as Vermont's sweeper. An outside midfielder, Parisi is one of the team's top two-way players and has nine career assists, just off the UVM all-time leaderboard. Wallace is a crafty forward who is one of Vermont's top returning scorers.

Seniors Sara Mercanti and Alexis Ressler will be co-captains of the University of Vermont field hockey team again in 2002. Coach Nicki Houghton made the announcement today.

Mercanti, the team's leading scorer last season with 11 goals and 24 points, was a second-team All-America East selection in 2001. An Elementary Education major, she will lead the offensive attack once again for the Catamounts

-Sports Info.

Men's Soccer Tries to Rebound From Last Year, Golf Aims High and Shoots Low

(Continued from BACK)

NEWCOMERS: Thomas Whittaker, Kolby Loft
DATE TO WATCH: Friday, February 14-15 at home against Hartford
OUTLOOK: "People don't realize what the quality of tennis is here at UVM. We welcome the student-body and community, whether we are winning America East or not, there is just some great tennis. It is a lot of fun to come out to the match. These men are very talented and highly skilled."

GOLF

COACH: Mike Gilligan
2001 RECORD: Third in AE
KEY RETURNERS: Kyle Trazskos, Tom Child, Alex Squire
NEWCOMERS: Travis Russel
DATE TO WATCH: Duke Nelson Tournament at Middlebury on September 14-15.
OUTLOOK: "We are going to have to fill in for the loss of Libby (Smith) this year. Though I am confident that most of our returning talent will be able to do that. We have some kids who can play in the low 70's regularly which should put us in great shape overall."

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

COACH: Ed Kusiak
KEY RETURNERS: Chris VanCott, Kent Taylor, Justin Kenney, Lee Stanton
NEWCOMERS: Will Gochberg, Eric Kocko, Michael Magni,
DATE TO WATCH: October 18 at Saint Michael's
OUTLOOK: "This will be an adjustment year of sorts. We've lost some people so we are really looking for seniors to step up and fill their shoes."

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

COACH: Ed Kusiak
KEY RETURNERS: Michelle Palmer, Kee Ginrgas, Bethany Brodeur, Bridgette Ferrin
NEWCOMERS: Kate Jackson, Kristen Lamphere
DATE TO WATCH: October 18 at Saint Michael's
OUTLOOK: "We are looking to start placing back in the top spots this year. I am confident we have taken the first step towards what we have been working."

MEN'S SOCCER

COACH: Roy Patton
2001 RECORD: 4-9-3
KEY RETURNERS: Adam Wallace, Keli Helgason, Tim Parisi, David Said, Ethan Hutchins
NEWCOMERS: Jason Leahy, Chris Scherbal
DATE TO WATCH: Sunday, September 15 at home against Dartmouth
OUTLOOK: "I feel this year's team is one of the deepest I have had here at Vermont. It helps us this year that we may have one of the fastest squad in some time."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

COACH: Jodi Kanyon
2001 RECORD: 5-11-1
KEY RETURNERS: Brooke Fairbanks, Andrea Sinerate, Jamie Rubin, Megan Mercier
NEWCOMERS: Maryann Mazinotto, Melissa Wikiewicz
DATE TO WATCH: Sunday, October 27 at home against BU
OUTLOOK: "The change of personnel gives us a new foundation to build on. Our main goal is to improve on last year's record and earn a spot in the America East Playoffs."

-Compiled by Scott Woodruff

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Question: Who should we blame? The players or Bud Selig and the management?

Casey: A possible strike by major League baseball players causes us to point fingers at Bud Selig, as commissioner, and the owners. They don't take the players seriously and don't respect their positions.

Foley: The owners are running a business, it's their job to make a profit. You mean to tell me that they are disrespecting Alex Rodriguez by paying him \$252 million. If you ask me, the players are thinking only of their wallets and not the bigger picture- the game, and more importantly the needs of our country.

C: I'm not going to sit here and deny the fact that the players themselves are selfish, but I don't think Bud Selig realizes that he cannot possibly hope to run a profitable business with replacements. Whether it is his desire to contract two teams, costing the Players Association over fifty positions or his decision to end the all-star game in a tie, the commissioner has consistently demonstrated that he will do whatever he wants. I mean, there's no ties in baseball! Plus all of the fans will be lost.

F: It's time for everyone to stop living in the past. As for the fans coming back I couldn't disagree with you more. You see signs all over ballparks saying "If you strike, we strike forever!" These signs are just a cheap way of getting on TV. Fans came back in '95, they'll come back whatever the players do this time.

C: Listen Foley, fans didn't come back in 1995. They didn't truly return to the game until the '98 season, thanks to some spectacular performances by the players. Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa fought for the single season home run record, and the New York Yankees nearly put together the winningest season in Major League history. That summer brought baseball back. A work stoppage that costs us playoffs and the World Series this fall, in the midst of the September 11th anniversary, will kill baseball. Bud Selig and the owners need to respect this fact, and keep the players from striking, or else their business will go down the toilet. And, in truth, who will care?

F: Ok, you're right. Bud Selig should just wave his magic wand and make everything better again. Let the players get what they want. \$20 million a year not enough? Ok, how bout 30? Give me a break, no owner in his right mind is going to hold onto a team that's losing money while George Steinbrenner sits there and gets rich.

C: Sure, whatever. So we're agreed, as always, that I'm right and you're wrong. See ya next week.

Ryan Foley and Casey Welch are Weekly Cynic Columnists and can be reached at VCSports@zoo.uvm.edu

AD to Retire in 2003

Farnham Calling it Quits After Nearly 30 Years of Service at UVM

After more than three decades of service to his alma mater, University of Vermont director of athletics Rick Farnham will retire in June 2003.

The university's top athletic administrator since 1992, Farnham made the announcement July 22, 2002.

A native of Brattleboro, Vermont, Farnham has been associated with UVM athletics since 1965, when he entered the school as a freshman.

He graduated from UVM in 1969 with a degree in physical education, and was a member of the varsity football team as a place kicker and offensive lineman from 1966-68.

After graduating, Farnham served as an assistant football coach in the early 1970's, and was named assistant director of athletics in 1975.

From 1978 to 1982, he was also the head coach of the UVM men's lacrosse program. Farnham served as assistant athletic director until his promotion to director of athletics in 1992, taking over for his longtime mentor, Denis Lambert.

"I have had a tremendous experience during my time at the University of Vermont," Farnham said.

"I feel lucky to have spent my entire career, 30 years, at the same institution. My experience at Vermont has provided me an opportunity to develop lasting friendships and a great appreciation and affection for the school and the athletic program.

"There have been many memories during my tenure, but the most positive reflections I have are working with the dedicated coaches and the quality student-athletes they continue to bring to the University," Farnham continued.

A respected athletic administrator, Farnham served a six-year term on the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee, including one year as chairman, and also served on a number of committees on the regional and national level.

"Rick Farnham has been a loyal and dedicated member of the UVM community for more than 30 years," David Nestor, UVM's interim vice-president for student affairs, said.

"I have had a tremendous experience during my time at the University of Vermont," Farnham said.

"The values he holds, as a professional and as a person, have contributed greatly to the success of the UVM athletic program. Those values of loyalty, hard work, optimism, fairness, perseverance, and good humor are the envy of college athletic programs across the country.

"It is with high regard that we recognize Rick's service to the University. We wish Rick and his family all the very best."

University of Vermont president Daniel Fogel said a comprehensive national search for Farnham's successor would begin immediately, with a new director of athletics scheduled to begin on July 1, 2003.

"The University of Vermont has benefited greatly from the long, stable leadership that Rick Farnham has provided over the past three decades," Fogel said.

"I am deeply committed to building on the success our athletic program has achieved through Rick's able leadership, and I look forward to supporting the next director of athletics as we work to strengthen this vital component of our community."

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Fall Sports Preview

FIELD HOCKEY

COACH: Nikki Houghton

2001 RECORD: 7-12-0

KEY RETURNERS: Sara Mercanti-C, Alexis Russler-C, Shawn Carney, Krista McDonald, Molly Sheehan, Whitney Guage, Stephanie Shield

NEWCOMERS: Emily Fitzgerald, Merrie-Beth Maynard, Erin Makowski, Erin Hickey

DATE TO WATCH: Wednesday, September 25 at home against America East rival Albany

OUTLOOK: "We have some great experience across the board this year. We have a lot more depth and with the 2001 season behind us and now the experience of our European training trip this summer we are prepared and excited about a great season. There is a lot of exciting talent and many excellent first year players."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

COACH: Muff Parsons-Reindhart

2000-01 RECORD: 12-8

KEY RETURNERS: Molly Moran, Maika Foukal, Sarah Taylor, Susanna O'Brien, Alie Taylor

NEWCOMERS: Laura-Beth Halter, Kyna Delaney

DATE TO WATCH: New England Championships at home on October 18-20

OUTLOOK: "Overall we are very positive about the season. I believe we are winners on and off the court. Our success is all in our state or mind."

MEN'S TENNIS

COACH: David Moore

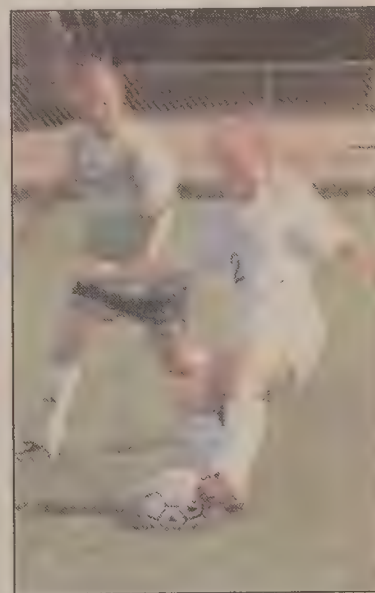
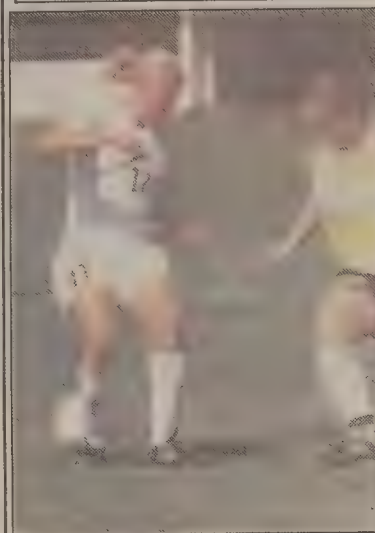
2000-01 RECORD: 11-11

KEY RETURNERS: Zeljko Knezevic, John Cooper, Matt Spring, Johann Liljengren

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Fairbanks and Sinerate Named Soccer Captains

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Kiryn Lanning (left) and Sue Sullivan (right), hope to out-duel their America East opponents this year en route to victory.

Seniors Brooke Fairbanks and Andrea Sinerate have been named captains of the University of Vermont women's soccer team for the 2002 season.

Fairbanks, a goalkeeper, set a new single-season school record for minutes played, logging 1,508 in the net last season.

A two-year starter, she enters her senior season ranked third at UVM in most minutes played in a career (3,634) and ranks second among Vermont's all-time career saves leaders (286).

Last season she started 16 games and posted a 1.85 goals

against average.

She also ranked 22nd nationally among Division I goalkeepers in saves per game (7.19).

Sinerate is a skilled midfielder who has gained confidence with 45 appearances over the past three seasons.

She provides the Catamounts with a steady presence in the mid-field. She played in 15 games with five starts last year as a junior and may see some time in the Vermont backfield this season.

-Sports Info.

Lindros, and Rangers to Hold Camp at Gutterson



Courtesy of NewYorkRangers.com

Eric Lindros, Brian Leetch and the whole Rangers crew will be coming to Gutterson Field House hoping to bring some luck to the ice surface for themselves and our beloved Catamounts.

For the seventh time in the last eight years, the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League (NHL) will hold their training camp at Gutterson Fieldhouse on the campus of the University of Vermont.

The Rangers, led by new head coach and seven-time Stanley Cup champion Bryan Trottier, begin practice Friday, Sept. 13th at 9 a.m.

The workouts - including scrimmages - will be held from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day through Tuesday, Sept. 17th.

In addition, the Rangers will once again hold an intrasquad

game featuring players from throughout the organization on Monday, Sept. 16th at 7 p.m. at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for UVM students, faculty and staff and kids 12 and under, and will be sold starting in early September at the UVM Athletic Ticket Office in Patrick Gymnasium.

All practice sessions are open to the public, free of charge. However, there will be no parking for the general public at Gutterson during the week. More information on parking will be released in early September.

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UVM To Remember Events of Sept. 11

Students and faculty have planned multiple events to mark the first anniversary of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Student leaders have designed a nondenominational service to be held Sept. 11 in Ira Allen Chapel.

ROTC students will raise the flag outside Ira Allen to full staff at dawn. At 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center, they will lower the flag to half-staff and fire a single volley in remembrance of those who have served this country.

At that time, the chapel bells will toll for one minute.

The service will begin at 8:47 a.m. Students, faculty and staff who wish to participate should gather at Ira Allen by 8:30 a.m.

The service will include music, silent reflection and com-

ments by President Daniel Mark Fogel; Jon Badaracco, SGA president; and Unitarian minister Roddy O'Neil Cleary.

At 10:30 a.m., the bells will toll again to commemorate the collapse of the second tower. The chapel will be available all day for personal reflection.

President Fogel has asked faculty to "exercise both compassion and discretion on behalf of their students who would like to attend the service."

Provost John Bramley has asked faculty to shift any examinations or major assignments planned for that day to other class meetings and for supervisors to make all feasible provisions for interested staff to attend the service on university time.

-Staff Report

Fogel Speaks About Goals for UVM



Andy Duback/VC Staff

President Fogel signs his name during the induction ceremony for the Class of 2006.

By MIKE BANYAS

The presidency at UVM is one of the most challenging jobs in higher education.

Its difficulty is exemplified in that the last ten years, UVM has had four presidents and several interim presidents.

The complexity behind this position is attributed to several areas including the lack of state and private funding, a fundamental disagreement on how the school should be run, and many other smaller problems.

Together these issues make UVM a complicated University. UVM's current President is Dr. Daniel Fogel, the former vice-president of Louisiana State University.

Fogel, a soft spoken individual who for all his years in Louisiana does not have a hint of a southern accent, was appointed by the UVM trustees last January.

Immediately, Fogel made clear his goal of making the university into an institution that would benefit the state of Vermont.

Fogel highlighted his visits around the state, in which he spoke to Vermonters about how they should take pride in their state university. Fogel stated, "That they (Vermonters) need to take pride in their state university, Vermont cannot succeed unless UVM succeeds."

This remark represented Fogel's intention for the

'The University is in the process of renovating all of the residence halls and in the future building 200-400 bed L/L-type dorms.'

-Dr. Daniel Fogel
President

University to become a well-rounded university for Vermont.

For many years, UVM has suffered an identity crisis. As the state school that receives the least amount of funding out of any state university in the country, some argued UVM should be run like a small liberal arts college, rather than a big state university.

However, Fogel appears to be taking the initiative towards clearing up this misidentification.

In attaining his goals for the university, Fogel is taking several steps to elevate the University back to a level of excellence.

"The first step is improving the overall quality of the student body, which increases the overall quality of the education experience," said Fogel.

He elaborated that by improving the quality of the class, the student performance in education is elevated to a more competitive level.

Like his predecessors, Fogel does not plan on increasing the size of the student body, but rather making new classes more in-depth and competitive.

Fogel cited one necessary item towards maintaining the

quality of students coming to UVM is the standards of the residence halls on campus.

"The University is in the process of renovating all of the residence halls and in the future building a 200-400 bed L/L type dorms," said Fogel.

"I believe that the 120 million dollar bond the University took out for this project, not only shows their confidence in me, but also their awareness that this is an important investment for the University."

Another indicator that reflects a university's prestige is in the amount of federal grants the University receives each year.

"The increase from 87 million to 103 million dollars is a strong reflection in UVM's growing strength of a research university," said Fogel.

Expanding on his notion of UVM as a research university, Fogel then explained his intentions for strengthening the graduate programs at UVM.

Within UVM's student population only 11 percent are graduate student.

"The University needs to evaluate each of these programs, and focus its resources towards the programs that are essential to the University," said Fogel.

He called for more PhD. candidates to better assist the faculty and conduct more research.

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Matt Chavez attacks the net on Fridays game against IONA. The Cats won the game 1-0, for details see SPORTS.

Adelman To Speak on Possible War With Iraq

By JON KANTOR

Dr. Kenneth Adelman will be giving a speech entitled "Bomb Iraq Now - Making the Case for War Against Iraq" in the Ira Allen Chapel at 7PM on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Buzz on campus has been high from both sides of the political spectrum. Sentiments have varied from excitement to worry to anger.

"I think that he is a well informed expert on American foreign policy and I am excited to hear a compelling argument for a

pre-emptive strike," said senior Tom Mazza.

An organizer of the event, senior Sanjeev Yadav describes Adelman as "that rare blend of a scholar--not only an expert in foreign affairs and defense policy, but also in classic literature."

"I am truly excited about this event and the opportunity to learn about America's future policy plan vis a vis Iraq."

"While I may not agree with everything that he'll say, its good to have diverse viewpoints

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Sept. 11, One Year Later

As this issue goes to press, we will be upon the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the attacks that destroyed The World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon, killed thousands and affected a whole nation.

As this University, along with others across the country, reflect tomorrow, many memories and images will be remembered.

Whether it was crowding around the television with friends, watching the mayhem unfold, scrambling to get in touch with family and friends in Washington D.C., New York and Pennsylvania, everyone has a story to tell of that day.

After the initial shock wore off around UVM, an outpour of support occurred for the victims and families, and also a wave of protest for our country's response to the attacks.

American flags appeared everywhere, with community members voicing their support.

Along with that, a new movement of political awareness spread through the campus and Burlington, sparking many debates and panels on topics relating to the issues of retaliation and war.

Anthrax scares spread through Vermont and UVM, making people weary to open their mail.

After the scares faded, life seemed to

"return to normal."

But it never will. Everyone generation has a story to tell of tragic events that turned their world upside down. For our parents, it was Vietnam. Our grandparents and great-grandparents, it was WWI and WWII.

Our lives, all of them, have been deeply affected by the events of Sept. 11. Despite personal loss, we all have a new perspective of world events and how other countries and societies see us.

We might have changed our opinion on topics such as war and military mobilization, or we might have strengthened our old beliefs.

We all had different personal experiences that day. But whatever they were, we all went through them together.

On this anniversary, we should take time to deeply reflect on the events of the day and of the past year.

Do whatever needs to be done, whether it's spending time with friends, going to a service, or spending some time reflecting alone.

Many of us push back the memories of that day in the back of our minds as we carry on with our daily lives.

Take this opportunity to think about what happened one year ago, Sept. 11, 2001.

The Right Choice with Policy 20

After some debate and discussion, the University has chosen to suspend Policy 20 indefinitely, and in many places in the residence halls, it wasn't being enforced.

The policy states, "Posters, signs, banners, flags, handbills, notices, pictures or other displays are prohibited in residence hall windows, the outside of doors and in any other area visible from outside a student's residence hall room."

This was the right choice. While it is understood that the policy was made in theory to protect students and community members from becoming offended from items and things being hung on display, the rule in practice would have severely hindered students' right to free speech.

For most students, their door is a source of expression, creativity and communication, as white boards are great sources for passing on info and leaving notes.

But unfortunately, some students tended to abuse this freedom and use it to offend

many different groups of people. Racial and sexual slurs could be seen on white boards, along with inappropriate messages and pictures.

Like with many freedoms, it is the stupidity of some that could ruin the opportunity for all.

It doesn't seem that Student Life, who oversees Judicial Affairs, would have a problem with a student having a white board, pictures of friends, and a "Blue light in every room" card on their door.

But they would take offense to students have pornographic and other offensive images.

So should the residents. In the real world, one isn't allowed to post that on their office door, because subjecting others to such things is inappropriate and immature. The same should go in the dorms.

Students should have the freedom to have fun with their doors, and they do. But do it responsibly.

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Don't Bomb Iraq, Now or Ever

To the Editor:

Many students at the University of Vermont may have already seen the posters on campus screaming at them; 'Bomb Iraq Now!'

This is more than simply another hilarious attempt by the campus Republicans to further alienate themselves from the entire student body.

This blood-curdling cry for war will protrude from the mouth of the 'honorable' Kenneth Adelman on September 12th, at 7pm, in the Ira Allen Chapel.

Adelman considers the current Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, his "long-time mentor."

As Arms-Control Director in the Reagan administration, Adelman defined his job as: salesman for Reagan's hard-line positions on arms control.

In fact, it is quite ironic that Adelman would have anything to do with arms control—while serving under Reagan he once said that the U.S. must show that it "would indeed risk nuclear escalation on behalf of foreign commitments."

Kenny boy extols the uni-lateralist course of Bush. He thinks that the Kyoto Treaty to limit global warming would "cripple our economy," and opposes an International Criminal Court because "the threat of international prosecution would cripple our peacekeeping activities."

Sounds like maybe the peacekeeping missions that Mr. Adelman is conceptualizing aren't really all that peaceful.

It is also quite fitting that Rumsfeld

would be Adelman's mentor. In 1984, Rumsfeld went to Baghdad in order to ensure Saddam Hussein's government American support in his war against Iran.

Rumsfeld continued to back Saddam even as reports from the United Nations and the US State Department began to pour in revealing that Saddam was using "mustard gas laced with a nerve agent... on Iranian soldiers."

But as Lawrence Korb, assistant defense secretary under Reagan, said of the Iraqi invasion, "If Kuwait grew carrots, we wouldn't give a damn."

In other words, US sights were set on the rich oil reserves which Kuwait had access to.

An estimated 5000 children died every month over the past ten years due to US-backed economic sanctions.

And as Scott Ritter, former UN weapons inspector in Iraq recently testified before Congress, "... when we talk about Iraq's current weapons of mass destruction threat, the answer is there is no weapons of mass destruction threat."

A war on Iraq can only further terrorize an already terrorized population.

All those interested in making their voices heard against Adelman's call for war should show up at the picket (and bring signs), which will be held outside of Ira Allen Chapel preceding the event.

Keith Rosenthal

Class of 2003

Get Involved in the Fight to Re-Elect Congressman Bernie Sanders

To the Editor:

Although students are in an excellent position to oppose the corporate control of our political system, voter turnout among young people like you and I is exceedingly low.

It's too bad, because this fall presents the greatest opportunity to get involved in making a difference.

That's because the congressional elections are this Nov. 5, so during September and October major electoral campaigns are waged and consciousness is raised among the voting population.

If we want to stop corporate interests' unchecked power in the Senate and the House, we have to work hard to get the right people into Congress to represent us.

Congressman Bernie Sanders, our Independent representative in the House, is leading the effort to create a people's government, not a CEOs' government, in Washington.

The issues that Bernie has been fighting for during his last six terms in the House of Representatives—halting environmental rollbacks, increasing workers' rights, bringing health care to every citizen, stopping corporate welfare, and put-

ting a brake on the crazy rush towards war with Iraq—are way ahead of their time in don't-rock-the-boat D.C.

Bernie is an Independent, so he doesn't bow to party politics and he isn't wasting valuable campaign time courting partisan interests.

He is spending this summer and fall holding town meeting across the state to speak with Vermonters and get their input and concerns.

That's real grassroots politics, and it's happening right now in our small, progressive state.

Getting involved with this exciting campaign is the opportunity of a lifetime—if fundamental change happens in America, it will come from Vermont.

This fall, spend a few hours of your week working for change.

Participate in politics and make your voice be heard. Contact the Sanders for Congress Campaign at 862-1505 to learn how you can get involved in the fight to re-elect Bernie Sanders.

Megan Gremelspacher

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Stand Behind America During This Time of Remembrance



Russel Henderson
Cynic Columnist

We have reached the anniversary of the most important date of our young lives.

As we reflect back on this most turbulent of years, the date 9/11 has undoubtedly become etched in our collective memory.

The task of remembrance, though, cannot be merely a matter of recalling where you were when you heard the news that two of the most prominent monuments to American capitalism, drive, and ambition had come crashing to the ground.

For the astonishment at the audacity and the cowardice of the murders has been eclipsed by something even more shocking.

The mothballed notion of 'e pluribus unum' (out of many come one) was rekindled spectacularly when millions of Americans proclaimed 'ich bin ein New Yorker'.

Whether it was waiting in seemingly endless lines to donate blood, participating in a national

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display of unparalleled generosity, or merely donning an I Love NY t-shirt or displaying the flag, all of America was involved.

Unity found its first test during the military action in Afghanistan. Most of us were willing to accept the possibility of a lengthy war. Mild protest surfaced, but the results speak for themselves.

Millions of women have been liberated from near-servitude, terrorists that plotted our demise are dead or on the run, and a nation has been freed from the grip of a brutal Islamic regime with minimal loss of American and allied life.

The next great challenge to

our newfound cohesion is the seemingly imminent invasion of Iraq, which could claim hundreds if not thousands of American lives.

Coupled with this is a resurgence of an anti-Americanism that seemed temporarily limited by the events of 9/11.

Spearheaded by 60's hold-outs in bastions like Burlington and Berkeley, jealous Europeans, and clerics across the Middle East, this message finds strange bedfellows in oppressive fanatics and the faux-liberals of the academy.

Although we are deeply influenced by such sentiment in our own campus community, we as collegians must not abandon the spirit of the preceding year.

We must remember that whatever our differences come Election Day, we are all Americans.

We must stand behind our troops and President Bush as they embark on a battle to free a country from tyranny and to prevent a power-hungry dictator from holding the region and the globe

hostage with weapons of mass destruction.

This is not to suggest mindless assent to our government's dictums.

Dissent is a right and a privilege that all of us enjoy, but when partaking we need to face facts. Neither Iraq's Baathist regime nor the other groups that fund, support, or partake in terror can be overcome with moral force.

So as we look back on the past twelve months and memorialize our fallen countrymen, we must also look forward.

They listen only to naked power. Ostensibly well-intentioned fights to 'end the sanctions' or 'stop Bush's oil war' conveniently forget this.

So as we look back on the past twelve months and memori-

alize our fallen countrymen, we must also look forward.

We must seek to perpetuate the American spirit that blossomed so beautifully last September and October.

We must assure ourselves that Todd Beamer, Robert Dolan, and the three thousand lives so tragically cut short were not lost for nothing.

To do so, we must stand behind our armed forces, wherever they may be.

We must pursue a future in which America remains a beacon of freedom to the entire world.

At the same time, we must never, ever forget.

Remember always the senselessness of those deaths, remember always the heroism of so many that day, and remember as well the America that emerged stronger than ever from the tragedy.

Who Is a True Patriot? Not Who You Think



Kristin Dobbs
Editor-in-Chief

While watching a documentary on the World Trade Center with a friend, I started to ponder how we at the Cynic should handle the Sept. 11 anniversary.

The Cynic, along with just about every other college paper in the country, covered the events and how they affected each community last fall and in the following months, and many will offer commentaries on such events.

There is plenty to comment about when it comes to Sept. 11, it was one of the most earth-shattering events in American history.

It has changed a nation and a generation. Never have we been so surprised by an attack on our own soil. While some might argue that we should have seen this coming, to the general American public, this was a shock.

It was a shock to the crews and passengers on the planes that hit the WTC, the Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

It was a shock to the employees and visitors of the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

It was a shock to the victims' families, and to the rest of America.

As a citizen of this country, it was difficult for me to deal with the events of Sept. 11, as it surely was for the rest of the nation.

As an editor, I had to make a

Just because you wave a flag doesn't mean that you're patriotic. And just because you were a veil doesn't mean that you're a terrorist.

decision on what to cover, and what aspects to discuss. After many chats with editors, friends, and a retired Naval Commander who worked at the Pentagon (my father), I decided on a topic: Patriotism.

According to Webster, patriotism is the act of loving one's country. For me, it's believing and supporting the ideas and values this country is based on.

Growing up, we always had a flag hanging outside of our house, mainly because we've always been a military family.

I've always been in support of showing love for our country, but I think after 9/11 a lot of that became commercialized, and many people have been doing it for the wrong reasons.

Bumper stickers that said "Pray for America" made me angry, and the number of pins, hats, t-shirts, and other things that said "These colors don't run" and "Don't mess with America" frustrated me. Where were they before 9/11?

Since Sept. 11, everyone has pulled out their flags and claimed we are an united country. I beg to differ.

While many people came together, it only pushed some others farther away. Muslims, Arab-Americans and others who came to this country looking for religious freedom and opportunities were shown how ugly "Amercians" can be.

I've read account after account of many American citizens being harassed and called terrorists for the way they look, dress and practice religion.

Our country is one of immigrants, with different waves of different cultures coming in all throughout our history.

We were all new to this country at one point in history, and we all need to be understanding of each other's culture.

Just because you wave a flag doesn't mean that you're patriotic. And just because someone wears a veil and isn't Christian, doesn't mean that they're a terrorist. Actions speak louder than words or symbols.

You don't have to be draped in red, white and blue to be true to your country.

Being patriotic shouldn't be a trendy thing. Earrings, shoes, blankets and such are just some of the many items that have been covered in Old Glory.

As the anniversary of Sept. 11 approaches, we should reflect on how we can become more patriotic.

That doesn't involve purchasing anything. It involves acting in a way that allows all Americans the same freedoms and opportunities that they are granted under our Constitution.

It means showing support for others who come from different cultures and embracing those differences.

It means showing support to our country, our armed forces, and the victims of people lost in the tragedies of one year ago.

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Crash and Burn... How the Police Can Gain Respect From Us



Ashley Lyons
Cynic Columnist

Police do not enjoy hearing negative stereotypes of themselves. They seek to dispel notions that they deserve to be called "pigs."

But, in order for people to respect them, police, like everybody else, must act in manners meriting respect. And it becomes increasingly difficult to award police such honor when they are so preoccupied with losing it. Anyone can claim to be a protector of the public.

Unfortunately for the said big-mouthed, actions speak louder than words. The police, therefore, inasmuch as upholding their vow to safeguard citizenry at large, become but a band of whisperers. If, though, one takes police action for face value, the weakness screams, piercing the otherwise calm with awesome acts of "protection." Of course, their protection entails saving and preserving their jobs while discounting human emotion and common sense.

Who were the police protecting when they issued to one car a parking warning followed by two consecutive tickets all within less than a day? Clearly the owner had not been back to the car to see

Of course, their protection entails saving and preserving their jobs while discounting human emotion and common sense.

even the warning, a conclusion that can be argued with faux intellectual lingo, but one which the police would observe, no doubt.

Such overzealous acts of overdeveloped narcotism just cost the car's owner one hundred dollars that cannot now be allotted to the purchasing of books. Subsequent inaccessibility to class subject matter could lead that person to a life of crime or, worse yet, a life of officiating on a police weakness near you.

I wonder, too, if the police thought they were acting for the greater good when they cleared everyone out of a particular dorm via pulling the fire alarm at around 2 a.m. on Friday morning. When the alarm split the air, most people were sleeping, trying to gain strength for absorbing the day's curriculum.

However, the police were more concerned with the few students who were smoking ganja, sacrificing the majority of people's recharging period to rid the dorm of a handful of paraphernalia.

Now, 2 a.m. marijuana sessions hinder an isolated group of

kids' abilities to comprehend material later in the day, but an all-out cop investigation of sleeping quarters disturbs the entire body.

Yet, the alarm rang out a second time as the police sought to capture the young perpetrators, again rousing the discomfort and confusion of slumbering residents.

The cops' proud victory? Booty in the form of a bong and their own stronger sense of selves as public disturbances. Everyone gets his/her jollies differently, but this is ridiculous.

So what is it, lads and lasses of the blue meanies, eh? Do you get your hahas from these minor "busts?" Are you misinformed enough to think "crackdowns" of the aforementioned sorts actually aid the people in achieving a secure and unified tapestry? I'll tell you what you are not: you are not on the scene of an accident as quickly as you are on the tail of a car with outdated plates and a Grateful Dead sticker.

Today I am writing from Massachusetts, landlocked here as I am because the car my friend and I were driving rolled over and became airborne after swerving to avoid hitting a motorcyclist who, without first looking for clearance, changed lanes directly into her car.

Despite flipping four times in midair and bouncing off and landing halfway on the cement divider

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between the highways and halfway, upside down, onto the exit ramp, she and I emerged virtually unscathed, save a few cuts and friction burns no worse than those obtained by wiping out on one's longboard.

Following the motorcyclist-in-question pulling us out through the window, we walked, barefoot, across the shards off glass littering the highway, and gazed in disbelief at the wreckage.

No, not at the car, as the twisted metal that stared back at us could no longer be given that label, but at the former car, current alloyed accordion, that sacrificed its life for us.

We gaped in horror at it and realized that the only reason we did not join that vehicle in the great beyond was because we were wearing seatbelts. After we landed, a funny thought in conjunction with driving, an action not usually associated with flight, we were still in our seats, strapped in.

Had we been reckless, negligent and unbelted as people, especially as teenagers and young adults, often are, we would have

been better representations of what ought come out (or not) of a tinfoil sheet, nee car.

Police campaigns could be focused around many things, especially around college campuses, but enforcing automobile safety by broadcasting the absolute necessity of seatbelts does not seem to be high priority.

Neither does making available guidelines for sound navigation of a motorcycle seem to be a prominent feature on the agenda. Both informational, both vital, both fall by the wayside. Instead, the way is made for cops to spend their time pinpointing weed smokers and those who occasionally leave their cars unattended for twelve hour stretches which include the middle of the night.

If cars are the word, wouldn't the importance of seatbelts in literally maintaining existence rise way above parking violations? Apparently not. Dead is ok, but illegally parked and slightly high is worth a contingency of uniformed folks with, apparently, nothing better to do.

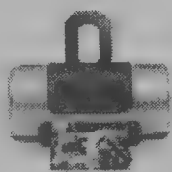
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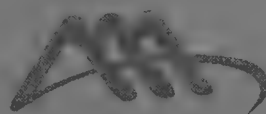
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Adelman's Speech on Iraq To Spark Protest

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on campus whether or not I agree with them," said Jason Dunnivant, a member of the College Democrats.

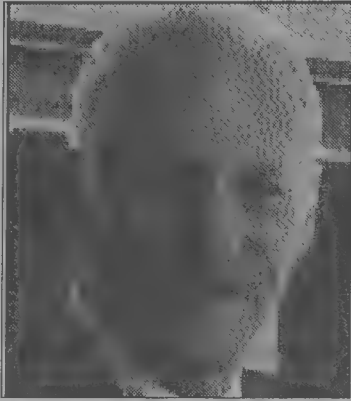
"I'm here for an education, and this is part of it."

When asked whether or not he would be going he replied "Definitely."

Adelman is an author, an adjunct professor of National Security Studies at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service and an adjunct professor of Shakespeare at George Washington University.

His positions in government include Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Deputy U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador; and Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Adelman's planned arrival at UVM has raised the ire of the



Courtesy Photo
Adelman, pictured above, will be coming to UVM Thursday.

campus Left, provoking an "instant anti-war action group" to hang posters around campus urging members of the community to "creatively" protest Adelman on the 12th.

The event was been organized and sponsored by the University of Vermont College Republicans.

Cynical Inquisition

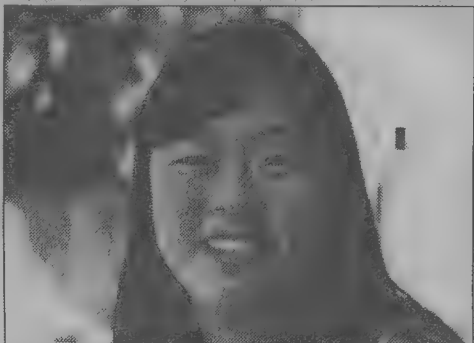
Compiled by Jenn Pappalas
Where were you when you first learned about September 11th?
How are you going to commemorate it's one year anniversary?
What impact do you feel the events have had on your life?



I was in chorus class at my high school. I'll be commemorating it in my own way. September 11th as such a shock. My friends and I layed on the floor and held hands that day.



I was in my bed. It is hard to believe a year has passed by. It showed me how terrible human nature can be. That made me respect good people more than I ever had.
Micheal-John Bodnar, 2005, Delaware Water Gap, NJ



I was on my way back from class when September 11th was going on, and was completely shocked when I got back to my dorm. I am wondering why UVM doesn't put aside classes to commemorate. It is good to move on, but this was still a tragic event. At first, I didn't know how to react because it seemed unreal. It makes you think about the little things you take for granted.

Susane Cashmere, 2005, Rochester, NY

Campus Candida



Old Mill

Jason Robinson/VC Staff

"For long years The Old Mill Bell hailed athletic victories, regulated classes and announced morning prayers, sometimes at 5:30 AM. Students of the early days had reason to silence the bell, since breakfast followed only after prayers and a one hour recitation period. It is reported that the bell ringer was more than once frustrated in his duties, discovering that the bell had been upended, filled with water and the clapper frozen silent. The bell was said to be the gift of Charles A. Emerson of the class of 1830. In earlier times horn blowing had served the purpose of ordering academic life at UVM. University records show outlays for student bell ringers as well as income from fines levied for unauthorized use of the bell. It cracked several years ago, and was removed from the old mill tower following the 1918 fire."

Adapted from the university's yearbook, Ariel 1953



American Red Cross

Andy Duback/VC Staff

John Skinner, a Fletcher Allen employee, gives blood at the American Red Cross, located on North Prospect Street, to help with the blood shortage.

Police Logs

SEPT 3

- Report of threatening behavior at 109 S. Prospect Street.
- Report of vandalism to the Ira Allen Chapel; paint on exterior wall.
- Report of loose dog on Spear Street; taken to kennel.
- Documentation of crime prevention services at
- Mason/Simpson/Hamilton.
- Agency assist to Burlington Police with locating a vehicle involved in a hit and run accident
- Documentation of a consent search in Wills Hall; UVNs issued for possession of drug paraphernalia.

SEPT 4

- Report of two suspicious males selling magazines subscriptions in Chittenden Hall; unable to locate.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle in the Robinson parking lot; Robert Pelkey (5/28/82), Justin Guiger (8/30/82), Nathan Lambert (9/22/80), and Timothy McEnaney (6/30/80) were issued six month letters of trespass for all properties owned or controlled by the University of Vermont including all buildings, grounds, residence halls and equipment, for drinking on campus.

SEPT 5

- Report of theft of a wallet from John Dewey Hall. Offender located; Anthony Kioian (9/24/58) was issued a six month letter of trespass for all properties owned or controlled by the University of Vermont, including all buildings, grounds, residence halls, and equipment. Investigation ongoing.
- Report of drugs in Austin Hall; non-affiliates Michael Gargalowitz (3/4/84) and Nicholas Pytel (11/2/81) were

issued six month letters of trespass for all properties owned or controlled by the University of Vermont, including all buildings, grounds, residence halls, and equipment, and an affiliate male was cited and released for possession of marijuana

- Report of theft of a gym bag from the Redstone green.
- Agency assist to UVM Rescue with an intoxicated female feeling ill; affiliate not transported.

SEPT 6

- Motor vehicle stop on the Harris/Millis Roadway that resulted in a non-affiliate male being cited and released for operating while under the influence of alcohol.
- Report of three suspicious males on the main green; located one, retrieved street signs, all set
- Report of an intoxicated affiliate male outside Cook Building; subject accepted at the Correctional center with a bac of .123%.
- Report of an alcohol offense involving four affiliate males on S. Prospect Street.
- Report of an intoxicated affiliate male on Buell Street; accepted at the Correctional Center.
- Motor vehicle stop on Main Street that resulted in a non-affiliate male being cited and released for operating while under the influence of alcohol, with a bac of .097%.

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Jairo - 264-3106 A.M.

UVM Moves Up 31 Spots In Kiplinger's Best Public College List

Providing more evidence that the University of Vermont is on a strong upsurge, the October 2002 edition of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine ranked the university number 64 in its Best Public Colleges list, up from 95 in the 2000 ranking, the last year the magazine compiled the list.

The magazine narrowed the 100-best list down from a field of more than 500 U.S. public colleges and universities.

"We've heard anecdotal evidence that UVM is a hot school," said UVM president Daniel Mark Fogel. "This is objective corroboration that we're indeed on a strong upward surge."

The Kiplinger's list ranks public colleges and universities based on their value, a combination of quality and cost.

Quality factors include four- and six-year graduation rates, faculty-student ratios, and average SAT or ACT scores of entering first year students.

Cost factors include total

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UVM President

cost, average cost after need-based aid is given, and average debt of graduates.

The magazine gave greater weight to quality (two-thirds) than cost (one-third) because value, the magazine says, "isn't necessarily determined by the lowest absolute cost."

One of the key factors accounting for UVM's strong showing was its four-year graduation rate, which ranked 16th on the list, up from 17th in 2000.

This performance helped the university in both quality and cost measures, since graduating in four years holds down the total

price a student pays.

Fogel noted that the other major research universities in the top twenty with UVM on this critical measure are among the nation's finest public institutions: the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, the University of Delaware, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Minnesota.

While UVM is demonstrating strong upward momentum, Fogel is looking for even more improvement in coming years.

"Projects like the Honors College we'll have in place next year, the \$100 million we're spending to improve residential life, and the big boost in merit- and need-based financial aid from our comprehensive campaign will keep us moving in a very good direction for years to come," he said.

New President Speaks About Problems With Burlington, State

Continued from front

In addition, President Fogel made it clear that "while he is pleased with the increase in money from the State of Vermont to UVM, the University must seek more."

Dr. Fogel remarked, "I will never complain about state funding for UVM, what the state gives us, is a strong investment for the amount the people that reside in this state".

This year UVM received around 37 million in state grants, which is lowest amount of state funding for a large state university in the country.

Also, Dr. Fogel elaborated that he will continue to seek additional money from private donors. UVM received around 27 million

'The press conference was a strong symbol of how the University and the town want to ease tensions.'

-Daniel Fogel
President

was not the President and a merely a regular faculty member, Dr. Fogel, declined to answer.

Town Gown issues have always dominated student life at UVM.

The town and the University have had problems over UVM student behavior late at night.

Recently, The University and the town held a press conference announcing the UVM police will be patrolling the college neighborhoods.

Off campus student's will be held responsible by the University for their behavior, and the city of Burlington will increase the fines for noise violations.

Dr. Fogel commented, "The press conference was a strong symbol of how the University and the town want to ease tensions."

Dr. Fogel said, "he has heard both sides concerning this issue and will be doing a neighborhood walk through from 12 am -3 am on September 6th and 7th to see first hand what the situation is like."

While it is unknown if Dr. Fogel's ideas and goals will prosper and lead UVM back its height as a public ivy or if he will chased out of town like his predecessors before him.

What is certain is that Trustees have put a great amount trust in his leadership and his goals for UVM.

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-Dr. Daniel Fogel
President

in annual gifts last year. Dr. Fogel hopes to raise further funds to help invest in the in the university and to help balance the high cost of student tuition.

Aside from his goals for the University, Dr. Fogel has been monitoring the negotiations of the Teacher's Union Contract.

When questioned how he felt about starting school without a contract?

Dr. Fogel replied, "He wished the contract had been completed, and that under the agreement from both parties he was not liberty to discuss the status and details of the negotiations."

It was also asked how he would feel about the contract if he

Panel Discussions To Bring Debate on Sept. 11 and Related Topics

By ROBERT WALKER

Besides the memorial service occurring Sept. 11, there will be many panels and discussions surrounding the issues of the attacks.

One will be a panel discussion titled, "Attack on America: One Year Later" in the Waterman Lounge from 4-6p.m., organized and to be moderated by Professor Robert McKenna.

Three professors will be answering questions and holding discourse on the issues presented us by the events of September 11; Professor Gregory Gause, chair of Middle Eastern Studies, Professor Bogac Ergene, a professor of Islamic history, and Professor Robert Kaufman, specializes a specialist in US foreign policy and political science.

The discussion will explore the events leading up to 9/11/01, and those that ensued.

The three panel sitters will discuss whether diplomacy or a more confrontational pursuit of the terrorists is the more efficient manner in which this country should act, and whether America's manner of dealing with terrorism has changed since the attacks.

A notable common bond shared by all three professors is their reaction toward the events of 9/11 in relation to their respective disciplines.

All three had heavily invested their educational experiences in Political Science and the region of conflict that has only recently come under scrutiny.

Another discussion Wednesday will be "9/11: One Year Later," run by Gause, who

will discuss the issues of Sept. 11 in relation to world politics and events, along with current events going on in the Middle East.

Gause will represent a middle eastern standpoint; the middle east being an extremely volatile region, Gause will likely have an interesting role to play.

He has pursued a career in Middle Eastern studies for 15 years, and it has been an area of "great academic interest" to him.

Furthermore he will explore the origins of "Bin-Ladenism", a social phenomenon viewed by the U.S as one of the more pressing dangers in the world.

This discussion is a part of Learning @ Lunch, and is free and open to the public. It will also be broadcast via interactive television to surrounding regional centers.

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CALENDAR

WHAT'S GOING ON AT UVM SEPT 10-16

TUESDAY

11 a.m. to noon COLLOQUIUM: "Achieving the Optimum Chromatographic Separation through the Use of Scientifically-Designed Capillary Columns and Stationary Phases", Frank Dorman, Restek Corp., Room B112, Angel Building.

Noon to 1 p.m. SEMINAR: "Role of sodium motive force in virulence gene regulation of *Vibrio cholerae*," Dr. Claudia C. Hase, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Stafford Hall 101. Information: 656-2164

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. LECTURE: "'9-11: One Year Later'," Associate Professor Gregory Gause, Department of Political Science. One year after the terrorist attacks the nation has worked together to rebuild. Discussion of how the events have changed the way we as Americans deal with terrorism. Will also talk about the current events in the Middle East Crisis and how they relate to the U.S. foreign policy and our relationship with Saudi Arabia. Part of the Learning @ Lunch Discussion Series. 408 Lafayette, Regional Centers in Montpelier, Rutland and Brattleboro. Information: Continuing Education, 800-870-0388, <mailto:dvanderv@ced.uvm.edu>, <http://learn.uvm.edu>

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION: ATTACK ON AMERICA: ONE YEAR LATER. PANEL GROUP: Bogac Ergene, History Department; Gregory Gause, Political Science Department and Director of the Middle East Studies Program; Robert Kaufman, Political Science Department; Kevin McKenna, German & Russian Department and Director of the Area and International Studies Program.

Sponsored by the Area and International Studies Program. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Bldg. Information contact: 656-1096.

THURSDAY

11 a.m. to noon COLLOQUIUM: "Catalysis in Natural Product Synthesis", Michael Calter, University of Rochester, Room B112, Angel Building. Information: Chemistry Department, 802-656-2594, <http://www.uvm.edu/~chem>.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. RECEPTION: "Global Visions," photographs by photojournalist Caleb Kenna. Opening reception, slide show and talk by the artist. Living/Learning Center Gallery, Commons Building.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. COFFEEHOUSE: Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, Performance by Arjuna Greist with Kelly Griffith, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building. Information: 656-4200, <mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu> <http://www.uvm.edu/~llcenter>.

FRIDAY

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. EVENT: ALANA Student Center Welcome Back Picnic. Join faculty, staff and students to welcome new and returning students. This year's picnic will have a Caribbean theme both in food and entertainment. It features an interactive steel pan demonstration at 4pm. Redstone Green. Information: <mailto:John.Mejia@uvm.edu> 656-7882

SATURDAY

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. WORKSHOP: "Evaluating Your Equine Business: From the 'Books' to the 'Barn'", Glenn Rogers, Farm Management Specialist, UVM Extension; Dr. Betsy Greene, UVM Extension Equine Specialist, Department of Animal Science. Introduction to financial management for horse owners, analysis of barn safety and barn walk through. Registration: \$5 if received by September 12th (lunch included), \$10 at the door (lunch not guaranteed). 108 Terrill, UVM Campus (Event also occurring on Sept. 21 at Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, NH). Information: 802-656-2070.

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. EVENT: First Annual LGBTQA Welcome Back Picnic. Games, music and food for LGBTQA students, staff and faculty alumnae/i and their friends, family and allies. Allen House. Information: <mailto:lgbtqa@zoo.uvm.edu> 656-8637.

SUNDAY

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. AUDITIONS: "The Crucible," Arthur Miller. All are invited to sign up to audition for The UVM Theatre's production of this classic drama. Royall Tyler stage. Information: Sarah Carleton, 656-0088 or <http://www.uvm.edu/theatre>.

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EVENT: Kol Nidre Service for Yom Kippur. Led by Rabbi Michael Cohen, '81, director of the North American Office of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. Ira Allen Chapel, Billings Student Center. Information: Lisa Fine, 656-1153. <mailto:lisa@uvmhillel.org>

MONDAY

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EVENT: Yom Kippur Morning Service. Led by Rabbi Michael Cohen, '81, director of the North American Office of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. North Lounge, Billings Student Center. Information: Lisa Fine, 656-1153. <mailto:lisa@uvmhillel.org>

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EVENT: Yizkor/Neilah Service for Yom Kippur. Led by Rabbi Michael Cohen, '81, director of the North American Office of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. Break fast to be served after service. North Lounge, Billings Student Center.

Rent Comes to the Flynn



Photo Courtesy of The Flynn

Actors in the musical "Rent" look out at a bewildered crowd.

"The most exuberant and original American musical to come along in a decade, *Rent* reinvigorated Broadway, sweeping all major theatre awards, including the 1996 Tony for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Inspired by Puccini's opera *La Boheme* and set in New York's East Village, this phenomenal musical celebrates a community of young artists looking for love while struggling to make their mark on the world."

A Generation rock musical, "Rent" is also a complex cultural phenomenon laced with irony.

A gritty, angry protest

pitting the artistic, the poor and the dying against materialism and technology, it's also a multi-million-dollar blockbuster whose top seats sell in Chicago for \$67.50. " (Flynn performance brochure)

Rent comes to the Flynn Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adult: \$50/\$40, Child/Student: \$45/\$35.

-Staff Report

UVM Percussion Professor to Give Faculty Recital

University of Vermont Percussion Professor D. Thomas Toner will present a recital of music of percussion on Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the UVM Recital Hall on Redstone Campus. Prof. Toner will be joined by David Brubaker, trumpet; T.L. Read, violin; and Michael Zsoldos, saxophone, in music of Beck, Levin, Rzewski, Toner, Yuyama, and Zivkovic.

Prof. Toner will be joined by affiliate artist David Brubaker in *Divertimambo* by Robert Levin. *Divertimambo* was written for Prof. Toner and trumpeter James Sherry when they were students at

the Yale School of Music.

Robert Levin, an award winning composer who performs as a percussionist in the Broadway show *The Lion King*, based the piece on rhythms of the Latin American mambo. The piece is scored for trumpet, congas, cow bells, timbales, and cymbal.

This recital is free and open to the public. For more information call (802) 656-7774.

-UVM Press Release

Astrology: A Walk Through The Stars

By ANDREW WOODS

As.trol.o.g.y *n* : Divination based on the supposed influence of the stars upon human events.

That is the definition of astrology according to Webster, but those of us familiar with this ancient art know it is a far more secretive world, a world of shadows and deceit.

Becoming an astrologist has been a challenge since its conception. It has taken me most of my life to become a successful and respected astrologist.

I will describe my own journey to success for all the aspiring astrologists here at UVM.

The year was 1982, I was somewhere in the heartland of America when I ran into a struggling musician who happened to know a thing or two about astrology, luckily I happened to know a thing or two about rock 'n' roll music.

We developed a tenuous relationship. During the day we would write lyrics and jam. At night we would read the stars. We were teaching each other, but I insisted on being called "mentor".

I taught him how to create a public image, play guitar, and gave him what he needed to be successful in the music industry.

He in turn showed me how to read the stars. My mentor's name was John Cougar Mellencamp (1982 happened to be the same year I wrote "Hurt So Good" after John had come in crying one day, complaining that no one respected him as an artist. I couldn't have known then that the song I wrote to cheer him up would become his first real commercial success in the music industry).

1982 flew by like lightning and we knew we had a good thing going.

John's music career was starting to take off and I was deeply involved in astrology.

Everything was finally working and I wrote another song for my astrological mentor entitled "Jack and Diane."

John had finally achieved financial and critical success as a musician, so I did what I thought was right: I looted his house, drained his bank account, and punched his dog.

The bender that followed was incredible. I spent close to \$350,000 in under a week and had seventeen lawsuits filed against me, three of which are still awaiting trial.

John claimed that "[I] robbed him," and told me I could "...go to hell!"

I'm still not sure what he meant by that last one. John's career took off after that, and I was forced to seek employment as a sports agent (there was a movie based on my life as a sports agent that looked very closely at my dealings with a cocky young wide receiver who was too small and

arrogant to play football for a better team, but who always wanted to see the money).

Some of you may ask if I'm angry with John Cougar

*"By now
your back is up
against the wall
and you're facing
an editor's dead-
line, so make
everything up."*

-Step Six of
Mellencamp's
Astrology

Mellencamp.

Many people have said I have good reason to be angry, even vengeful.

To those who have made these observations, and valid observations they are, I say this:

I'm not angry with John ... I'm angry at the cold, hard heart of the music industry that twisted him into the freak he is today. By the way, here is his world famous astrological method seen in print for the first time.

Materials:

-One bottle of Sauza Hornitos Tequila ... smooth, yet refreshing

-One deck of tarot cards

-One Bruce Springsteen album

-One guitar

-One rock

-One pair of faded blue jeans

-One tight white t-shirt

Step 1:

Take the Bruce Springsteen album in your right hand. Set it on the floor. Curse him and his New Jersey based rock music. Smash the album with the rock.

Step 2:

Drink the entire bottle of Hornitos Tequila. Note: This is a required step; it will be nearly impossible to continue your astrological endeavors without this step.

Step 3:

Put some clothes on, i.e. tight t-shirt, faded blue jeans.

Step 4:

Rock out some cool riffs on the guitar.

Step 5:

Throw the tarot cards everywhere. Pay attention to their arrangement.

Step six:

By now your back is up against the wall and you're facing an editor's deadline, so make everything up.

That is John Cougar Mellencamp's formula for reading the stars.

I don't need it now though, because for the last ten years I've been managing Richard Gere ... and no, I didn't advise him to do that thing with the gerbil.

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Wednesday Sept. 25th
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Ticket price: \$16/\$18

Friday Sept. 27th
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Ticket price: \$16/\$18

The Flynn

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Rent The Musical
Tuesday Sept. 24th - Sept. 25th
Show time: 7:30 p.m.
Ticket price: \$50/\$40

Dr. John
Saturday Sept. 28th
Show time: 8 p.m.
Ticket price: \$34/\$28

Moscow Chamber Orchestra
Friday Oct. 11th
Show time: 8 p.m.
Ticket price: \$36/\$28

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Galleries

L/L Gallery
Sept. 4th - Sept. 27th
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Other Venues/Misc.

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Arjuna Greist

Entertainment

Quotes

"The b\$#ch set me up.
- Marion Barry, *Mayor of Washington, DC on his arrest for soliciting a prostitute.*

"President Carter speaks loudly and carries a fly spotter, a fly swasher -- it's been a long day." --
-Gerald Ford

Websites

www.furnitureporn.com

A heart wrenching look at the world of furniture lust, this website parodies most porn based websites, complete with fold out chairs and hardwood desks.

Wierd News

[*Columbus Dispatch*, 7-17-02]-
Order in the Court: Edmonton, Alberta, lawyer Maurice Prefontaine was arrested in March for skipping his contempt-of-court trial, which came about when he referred to Justice Gerald Verville as a "slithering mass (of) vipers."

And a judge in Columbus, Ohio, declared a mistrial in July when lawyer Christopher T. Cicero rushed the phalanx of deputies surrounding his murder-defendant-client Michael Gordon and smacked Gordon in the head (in response to Gordon's threat, according to a bailiff, to "kick (Cicero's) fat ass."

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

If you're serious about becoming a racecar driver you should know the hazards involved. Tom Cruise's heart was broken in Days of Thunder.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You've been concerned with you appearance lately. Don't be. You're ugly ... on the inside!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Creativity is a must in any life. Try doing something creative, like: (1) Write song lyrics, (2) learn to play the drums, (3) join a 1980's hard rock band, (4) lose an arm in an automobile accident, (5) come back in a triumphant way, (6) appear on behind the music, (7) tell everyone that Rick from Def Leppard is a good drummer.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

So you want to be a celebrity huh? A celebrity like whom?

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Everyone gets lucky, but finding a 2 billion dollar tuxedo? That's just ridiculous. Ridiculously funny!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Looking tough is very important for attracting a partner. Unfortunately, The Stars have trouble with this. They say it is because their job requires them to ask if you would like chips and a pickle with that. Maybe they'll get a job doing something a little more lucrative, like snuff films. Don't judge The Stars, it's their life.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Having trouble with your family? All their problems are caused by your sense of humor. Next time you see them try not to make that same old joke about your Dad and his secretary. Instead make a joke about a secretary and your Dad. You're ruining everyone's life.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Being assertive is very important when dealing with co-workers. I don't mean selling out and doing a show for Comedy Central based on project Greenlight because comics from Boston are having trouble lately assertive, I mean I'm a federal marshal and you can read about that later (W. Snipes, Drop Zone) assertive.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

How many times have you woken up to the smell of burning hair and rubbing oil? Tell the truth ...

idiot.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Watch out for wild animals this week. Some have been known to tell you that the alcohol response paper you wrote was very disturbing, and I would like to meet with you to discuss the content. What's disturbing about it? That's what I want to talk to you about. Fine, I'll be there.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You think you're entertaining because you're from Maryland? You are yesterday's trash. No, no you protest, I am TODAY'S trash. I stand corrected.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Letting others write horoscopes is a very bad idea. Their writing is mediocre, and they are constantly using obscure references. EXAMPLE:

Thomas - vocals

I care about critical introspection as a mechanism to find fulfillment. Finding monetary supplements for true knowledge appears to be the growing standard and measuring point for success and "contentment" in the world. Set a new f----- standard, make something happen. Write a book, write a play, compose a piece of music, make art with love, and love with art. And although it can oftentimes be a painful affair; for like-minded individuals, it's all worth it. Live the dream.

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MacDonald, Anderson Athletes of the Week

Senior Kristen MacDonald and sophomore Tony Anderson have been named UVM's Athletes of the Week for the week ending September 1, 2002.

MacDonald, a member of the UVM field hockey team, scored both goals for Vermont in two games at the UConn Husky Classic.

Vermont dropped a 3-1 decision to Providence in the first game and fell 4-1 to the hosts, Connecticut on the second day. MacDonald, a forward, owns a three-game scoring streak, which includes the final game last season and the first two of this season.

Anderson registered three points in nine minutes in the men's soccer team's 2-0 season opening victory over Adelphi at the Nike Fall Classic at the University of New Hampshire.

Anderson netted the game-winning goal and assisted on the insurance goal in the win. As a freshman last season, Anderson tallied just four points and already has three in one game in 2002. The Catamounts dropped a 1-0 overtime decision to Lafayette on the second day of the tournament and stand at 1-1 to open the year.

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Men Move to 3-1 After Two 1-0 Wins

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In the Vermont crease, Sullivan made seven saves in becoming the third goalkeeper in 12 years of the Smith Barney Classic to record two shutouts in the tourney.

In leading the UVM defense that has allowed only one goal all season, Sullivan, David Said, Sullivan Silva and Beasley (Defensive MVP) earned all-tournament honors.

Also in the last six Smith Barney Classic games since 2000, the Catamounts have given up just one goal.

With the loss, Southwest Missouri State, out of the powerful Missouri Valley Conference, falls to 1-3-0. Two Bears, Jim Levesque and Nick Pollard, earned all-tournament honors.

The Catamounts, who have won three of their first four games after winning just four times in 17 games last season, next weekend play at Harvard on Friday at 4 pm and return home on Sunday to host Dartmouth at 2 pm.

On Friday afternoon, David Said's late first half goal lifted Vermont to a 1-0 win over Iona in the opening round of the Smith Barney Soccer Classic at Centennial Field.

With just nine seconds before halftime, Said blasted home a Tim Parisi corner kick for the only tally of the contest in which play was dominated by the Catamounts.

The Catamounts out-shot the Gaels just 12-to-8 but saw several other quality scoring chances go wide or deflect off the goal post.

The hard-played match includ-

ed 45 fouls with Iona's Bryan Lamana drawing a red card late in the game. As a result of the red card, Iona played a man down while Vermont ran out the clock for their second victory in three contests this season.

Catamount goalkeeper David Sullivan made five saves in posting his second shutout of the season.

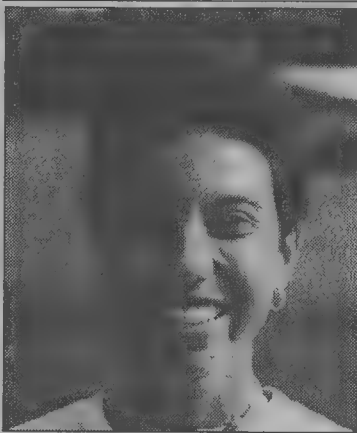
Sullivan, as well as backs Keli Helgason, Sullivan Silva and Neil Beasley have led a stingy UVM defense that has allowed only one goal all season.

For the Gaels who fall to 0-4-0, Patrick McAllen made three stops including a pair of nice saves in traffic in the first half.

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Palmer Among New England Elite



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Michelle Palmer is an environmental studies major.

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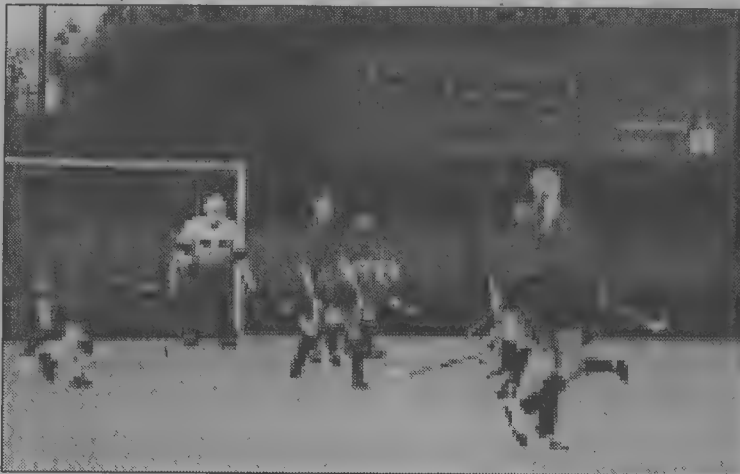
"I can't see any benefits or the right reasons right now," said Palmer. "It's not about the game, it's what you put into it. This program as a whole has such a great tradition. The Gutterson Field House was named after a former track athlete at UVM."

Originally Palmer, who is a native of Plymouth Massachusetts, was a die-hard soccer player. In the eighth grade, she decided to start running to prepare herself for the soccer season. She soon realized that running was more satisfying for her and hasn't stopped since.

This year Michelle will look to add onto her already very impressive list of credentials which include a win at the Boston University 5K Invitational, the Boston Globe Cross County Runner of the Year in Division I and has been a qualifier at the NCAA's for the past two years. She also runs a mind boggling 5:04 mile.

Without a doubt Michele Palmer is one of the most elite competitors at the University of Vermont and perhaps in New England. This fall she is going to show everyone just that.

Cats Outplayed, Fall to 3-1



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Goalie Holly Colberg faces a sea of opposition.

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Vermont (1-3) stuck to its game plan throughout the game and dominated the action for much of regulation play.

Mercanti, the senior co-captain, scored her first two goals of the 2002 season - one in each half - and Vermont saw two goals disallowed and another potential goal hit the inside of the post and bounce out.

"It was a very good game," Coach Nicki Houghton said. "We

put some shots on goal today and had some success, both offensively and defensively. We have a lot to be proud of and this game really helps set us up for conference play later this month."

The Catamounts play at Harvard next Friday at 4:00pm, and take on Brown at Harvard next Sunday at 1:00pm.

Vermont opens at home on Sept. 25th against the Great Danes of the University at Albany in an America East contest.

Lady Cats Ready for New Season and Conference



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Jenny Agnew, a returning star.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The University of Vermont women's hockey team hits the ice to begin practice for the 2002-2003 season on Saturday, September 7th.

Vermont opens the season on Friday, October 11th at New Hampshire (7:00pm).

The Catamounts will play their home openers at Gutterson Fieldhouse on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th in a two-game non-conference series versus Maine.

Seven-year head coach Dennis Miller returns 14 letter-winners from last season's inaugural Division I team. Among the top returnees are forwards Liz Reed and Jenny Agnew, defenseman Jillian Giardina and goaltender Tiffany Hayes, one of the top netminders in the ECAC Conference, posted a .919 save percentage and made 956 saves last season.

The 2002-2003 season marks the realignment of the ECAC. Three new women's hockey leagues have developed over the summer: Hockey East, College Hockey America (CHA) and Western Collegiate Hockey Association will all sponsor women's teams.

The revamped ECAC women's hockey league will almost mirror the men's league with the exception of RPI, Clarkson and Union not sponsoring a women's team in 2002-2003.

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World Championship Basketball Hoax?



Foley: This years team was a disgrace. Somebody forgot to tell them that this tournament was a competition and it would take their full effort to win. I've never seen anything as shocking as this in the sports world.

Casey: That's just because you've had a few too many Citronas. This year's World Basketball Championship shouldn't be looked upon as a disgrace for U.S. basketball, but instead should be looked upon as a sign of things to come. We have been assuming that because we have the best talent in the world, we can throw together the best team in the world. In order to remain in the top echelon of world basketball, the U.S. needs to get serious about putting together a national program.

F: Speaking of Citrona, no one on that team should stay, they all should go. Banish them from any U.S. National team ever. We had some of the best talent in the world on that team and no one played hard. Losing to a team like Argentina is unacceptable. We'll give them soccer, but basketball is a US sport. Basketball is a street sport and can be played well by any 5 talented players assembled. To lose to a team full of short white men who'd rather be kicking the ball into a net than shooting it through a hoop is ridiculous and the U.S. committee needs to take a serious look at how teams will be assembled in the future.

Instead we should send some young college kids who still have fresh legs and are willing to play a little defense.

C: Ok my young Republican friend, I think you're at your limit...Two wine coolers would get anybody down. Banish some of the best players the U.S. has to offer? That's ridiculous. For those players who participate in the NBA, especially those that made it into the playoffs, they played well into June, and camps start in a few weeks. So, how long do you think they had to practice? How long did George Karl have to put a game-plan together and research foreign programs. The core of the Argentinian team has played together for six years, while our guys played together for a total of six weeks.

F: Vacation time? Instead we should send some young college kids who still have fresh legs and are willing to play a little defense. Duke University could medal in this tournament. Karl didn't get this team focused and failed to produce the results that should have been handed to him on a silver power. Congratulations to Yugoslavia, they played tremendous all tournament and deserve the victory.

C: Two problems with your theory. 1) We stopped using college players in international play because we were not winning, and 2) college has already started. Tough for them to be playing in an international tourney while taking classes. Mark my words; if USA Basketball doesn't get organized and shorten the NBA season by at least a week on each end, our performance in this World Championship will only serve as a precursor to the real embarrassment that is to come.

Palmer Runs Because She Can



For the past two years, this is all the America East field of competition has seen of Michele Palmer: the view from second place. Palmer, a two-time NCAA qualifier will once again this year lead her team in every aspect possible.

By SCOTT WOODRUFF
Cynic Sports Editor

Running legend Steve Prefontaine once said, "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice your gift."

Michele Palmer seems to live by these words and all it takes is one glimpse at her list of accomplishments to see just how serious about it she is.

Palmer, a Junior at UVM, holds the Plymouth South High School record for the 600 meter run, the two mile and the 4x100 meter relay. She came in second amongst 70 competitors at the America East Championships last year along with being named the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar in May of 2002.

"If I don't give my best, I am unhappy," said Palmer. "It is just something that I need to do. It is a gift that I have that I have to use because there are many people who cannot run, so I don't take it for granted."

When the school decided to cut the Men's Track team last year, Michele saw many of her fellow runners and friends transfer to schools who weren't clear-cutting their athletic programs. These losses will force her to take on the role of a leader both physically and spiritually.

"It's a terrible shame that they cut the Men's Team. Ed [Kusiak] worked so hard to build that team and then to try and save it. I'm hoping the administration will see what they've done."

Field Hockey Goes 1-1 on Weekend



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FIELD HOCKEY

Vermont's Katie Henry and Molly Sheehan scored goals as the UVM field hockey team won its first game of the 2002 season, topping Sacred Heart, 2-0, Friday.

Vermont (1-2) took a 1-0 lead late in the first half when Henry scored unassisted at the 28:00 mark. The Catamounts held the lead into the second half, and made it 2-0 when Sheehan scored her first of the year and the first of her career on a penalty stroke at 48:33.

"We started out a bit timid today, but we stepped up our play, stuck to our game plan and played very confidently," Vermont coach

Nicki Houghton said. "This was a very good win for us."

Holly Colberg made five saves to post the shutout, the seventh of her career. Sacred Heart got 17 saves from Montpelier, VT native Robin Breer. The Catamounts out-shot Sacred Heart 21-11.

On Saturday, Vermont's Sara Mercanti scored two goals and the Catamounts had two goals called back before the Holy Cross Crusaders scored midway through the first overtime on a penalty corner to take a 3-2 win over the Catamounts in collegiate field hockey action.

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Said, Webb Lead Men in Smith Barney

MEN'S SOCCER

Scott Webb's goal in the 87th minute gave Vermont a 1-0 win over Southwest Missouri State in the second round of the Smith Barney Soccer Classic at Centennial Field on Sunday afternoon.

Webb's goal gave the undermanned Catamounts a hard-fought victory to improve to 3-1-0.

Playing without senior starters Adam Wallace (ankle) and Keli Helgason (bruised knee), Vermont saw a total team effort from 17 players.

"Everybody chipped in today for a win against a very good program," commented Vermont coach Roy Patton on the victory.

"They had a great start but we regrouped by the half to play them even. From then on we started to gain more possession and create some chances with our speed. Webb and (John) Antonucci came off the bench to really give us an edge."

Both teams had great chances to take the lead before Vermont got on the board. Midway through the second half, Vermont's Matt Chavez' curving liner was cleared off the goal line by the Bears' Jon Watson.

Then in the 75th minute, Dan Watson's 25-yard blast off a free kick nearly beat Cats' goalie David Sullivan, who made a sprawling save. Six minutes later, UVM midfielder T.J. Mead cleared a loose ball that was ticketed for the net to preserve the tie.

On the game-winner, Neil Beasley stole the ball at mid-field and quickly fed Chavez on the attack. Chavez' nice one-touch pass sprung Webb in alone on SMS keeper Matt Pickens (three saves) and Webb calmly punched it in from 12 yards out for his first career goal.

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Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Ethan Hutchins takes out his aggression on the ball and the referee.

Lady Catamounts Outshot 26-6, Crimson Win 5-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Senior Joey Yenne scored twice and added two assists to lead the Harvard women's soccer team to a 5-1 victory over Vermont in the Crimson's season opener.

Yenne gave Harvard a 1-0 lead just three minutes into the game, finishing off a long ball from teammate Caitlin Fisher at 3:13.

Vermont freshman Jamie Koehnlein answered just 26 seconds later to tie the game up 1-1. However, Harvard took control of the game from then on. Beth Totman and Yenne combined on Harvard's second goal at 13:21. The Crimson would take the 2-1 lead into halftime.

In the second half, Katie Hodel scored on a direct pass from Yenne and Fisher in the 57th

minute.

Yenne added her second tally of the afternoon at 63:30 and freshman Claire Lukeman netted her first collegiate goal to close out the scoring in the 70th minute. Vermont was out-shot terribly by Harvard 26-6 in the contest.

UVM's Brooke Fairbanks and Katie Duffy combined for eight saves in the Vermont net. Katie Shields and Maja Augustdottir split time in the Harvard net, combining for two stops.

The Catamounts return to action next weekend when they participate in the ECAC Women's Soccer Classic in Dennis, Massachusetts

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Socialists Removed From Bailey/Howe Library By UVM Police



Andy Duback/VC Staff

Members of the ISO at UVM's Student Activities fair distribute information about their organization.

By NICK RAHAIM

Around 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, members of the International Socialist Organization (ISO), were protesting the looming war with Iraq in front of the Bailey/Howe Library.

Members were vocal in their protests saying, "Stop the murder of innocent people," "Stop the war in Iraq," and "George W. Bush is killing innocent people in Iraq."

Yet, there was no aggression in their protest. They had a table set up with information on socialism and were selling copies of *The Socialist Worker*.

An UVM police officer quietly stood observing the scene as another, Sgt. Thomas, drove up in his car.

Sgt. Thomas did not hesitate to take action with the group. Before asking any questions, he

'They (the police) might have been using the permit question as an excuse to interrupt the sale, but it seemed to me it wasn't simply about the permit.'

-Helen Scott
ISO Advisor

told the group to leave the premises immediately.

This sparked an argument between the officer and one member of the group who used the first amendment as a defense. No one in the group possessed a permit, which allowed the police to take action. One member did leave to pick up a permit at the SGA office but the police did not wait for them to return.

One witness said, "I was appalled by the way the police dealt with the situation."

There were no charges made or fines given out, the description of the incident on the police report was, "Report of ISO selling papers in front of Bailey/Howe Library without a permit."

Sgt. Thomas could not be reached for further comment.

Helen Scott, Advisor of ISO, said, "They (the police) might have been using the permit question as an excuse to interrupt the sale, but it seemed to me it wasn't simply about the permit."

An interesting side note is on Friday, Sept 13, another political group, the more mainstream Progressive Party, had a table set up in front of the Bailey/Howe Library.

They were not as vocal and were not protesting, but had not even filled out in an application for a permit and ran into no problems with the police.

Adelman Speaks Among Protestors at Ira Allen

By RUSSEL HENDERSON

Berger.

Tension ran high on campus last Thursday night as Former Assistant Secretary of Defense Kenneth Adelman delivered a lecture in the Ira Allen Chapel, the title of which drew the ire of several campus organizations.

'Bomb Iraq Now' attracted dozens of protesters, gathering in front of the entrance to the chapel.

The protesters picketed before the event, urging passing vehicles to "Honk for peace." Many observers seemed upset at a sign that called Adelman, who is Jewish, a Nazi.

"I thought that sign was in particularly bad taste. To associate any and everyone you don't like, especially a Jewish man, with anti-Semitic mass murderers is despicable," said senior Sara

Protestors gathered from different groups, including the International Socialist Organization, Students for Peace and Global Justice, and the Student Political Awareness and Responsibility Coalition.

Adelman began by giving a brief talk about the situation in Iraq to an audience of more than 500.

He spoke of his experience at the United Nations, on Ronald Reagan's Arms Control Board, and alongside Henry Kissinger on the Defense Policy Board.

He emphasized the nature of Saddam Hussein's regime and prophesied that the Iraqi people would dance in the streets upon the arrival of American troops.

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Canadian Studies Program Enrollment Up



Andy Duback/VC Staff

From left to right: Professor Andre Senecal, Secretary Zenda Farrell and Outreach Coordinator Tom McGrath outside the Nolin House.

By RORI GRABLE

There was a time when the Canadian Studies Program was thought to be a dying program. That opinion has changed this year, with over 400 students currently enrolled.

The program was founded in 1964 and is the oldest such program in the country and in the world.

It was designed to promote a better understanding of Canada in the United States. The program offers courses covering a wide range of disciplines such as

anthropology, art, business, Canadian literature, economics, environmental science, geography, geology, history, political science, Québec literature, Québec studies and sociology.

There have only been three directors throughout the program's thirty-eight years of existence, signifying its stability. André Senecal has been the program's director for the last six years.

"Programs have a curriculum but no faculty. We're in the same

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UVM Offers New President's Lecture Series for First-Years

By FAITH HALE

"What could be a meaningful orientation for first-years across the campus?" asked Bill Lipke, emeritus professor of Art History.

The answer: The Presidential Lecture Series, which features award-winning teachers from across the curriculum.

Lipke, along with faculty from the Center for Teaching and Learning, came up with this as a good way to introduce first-year students to the different resources each individual college within the

university has to offer.

"I wanted first-year students to see what is distinctive about UVM," Lipke said.

The professors featured are amongst the most distinguishing in their fields, with accomplishments ranging from awards in teaching excellence to input in national legislation.

President Daniel Fogel kicked off the six-lecture series with a talk entitled "Why Read Henry James?"

The new President peppered his speech with anecdotes from

his childhood (he was an admirer of Jesse James) and maxims for the first-year students: "Go to class, it's half the battle."

His obvious enthusiasm towards teaching was evident as he described how a sophomore-year project on The Portrait of a Lady turned into his first academic book, and he urged students, as James said, to "Try to be one of those on whom nothing is lost."

So far, the feedback from students has been positive.

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School Daze

So you are already in the depths of a high-stress semester.

You find yourself sitting around, as if atrophied, perfectly still with worry.

You are motionless with fear, shaking because you are dreading fast-approaching due dates.

And in your trepidation and terrified approach to accomplishing given tasks, you are accomplishing nothing.

The best way to alleviate the cold sweats and panic attacks that plague you?

Complete your assignments.

Study for your tests.

Read your books.

You are paying way too much money not to be educated by, interested in and enthused for the academic material so being presented to you.

You (and/or your family, the school or the state) are also paying too much money to acquire a nasty case of colitis before midterms even dawn on professors.

Dear students, take things day-by-day, thoroughly remaining up-to-date in all your classes, you could enjoy each weekend, guilt-free, and enter into the schoolweek reasonably well-rested.

You will be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed from having slept as you would have finished your assignments early enough since you began them as soon as they were

assigned.

You will be attentive in and fascinated by class as you will be alert and genuinely in pursuit of the answers to the questions you attempted or excited to partake in a discussion of concepts about which you read and digested.

Paying attention will be but a given, as focus is derived from enjoying what one is doing. No doodles on your fine white sheets, no sir, no ma'am.

Simply pure learnin'.

Honestly, you will sleep better at night knowing that good grades shall follow suit, that no impending doom awaits you in the morning as you silently fail the test for which you knowingly and consciously did not study.

Best of all, getting your work done early means you can relax. Once your routine has been repeated for a few days, it will be but the norm, your sense of time will naturally factor in homework and playtime as very functional roommates versus fight-in' words.

Then, the day will come for midterms, and you will not have to cram; no way, no how, you will have but to review, lightly browsing over material with which you are already so familiar that you would welcome its corresponding midterm into your home with open arms.

A's & F's

A's

- To the University for allowing students to take last Wednesday to reflect and remember, and not to worry about whether or not they were missing class.

- To the late-night, off-campus shuttle. This service allows students not to worry about walking up Main Street at 1 a.m., and shows concern for students' safety.

- To the fan support at sporting events, especially men's soccer.

- To different student groups bringing well-known speakers to campus. Such voices allow students to learn, outside of the classroom, about world issues.

- To our professors who go the extra mile for their students every day.

F's

- To Parking Services. There is no need to give a student two tickets and a warning within one day. It is obvious that he/she hadn't returned to his/her car yet. Calm down.

- To the horrible learning environment most of us deal with each day. Small classrooms, falling-apart desks and cracked chalkboards.

- To the rest of the student body who doesn't support our sports.

- To the prices of food on campus. It shouldn't cost seven dollars to get a sandwich. Such a nibble would be cheaper at a restaurant downtown.

- To our professors being the lowest-paid in the country. Where does our 30- a-year go?

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House of the Rising Son

To the Editor:

As a UVM student, I'm not normally concerned with the politics of this school, and usually ignore the elections and such that go on.

However, when I read the article about UVM President Daniel Fogel's housing situation (Sept. 8), I was outraged.

I am still outraged. It is perfectly understandable that the president doesn't wish to live in a house which is too small for his family's needs and which is situated in a relatively noisy neighborhood.

I don't believe that the president should be stigmatized for wanting to live in the home of his choice.

What is so outrageous is the fact that he is being given money because he doesn't want to live in the housing provided.

Why is this university giving Mr. Fogel \$1800 a month for housing?

Is it really necessary to provide him with \$21,600 a year, on top of his \$260,000 salary, simply because he DOES NOT CHOOSE to live in the housing that the University has so generously provided for him?

In the grand scheme of things, that \$21,600 is not very much money.

But for a university that is not funded as it should be by the state, is struggling financially and has the highest in-state tuition of any state university in the country, surely this money could be better spent elsewhere.

-Talia J. Karchem
Class of 2004

Speak Easy

To the Editor:

Apparently, there is someone who is speaking publicly about why he thinks we should go to war against Iraq.

And, apparently, there is also a group of UVM students who are quite simply too immature to accept that someone else has an opposing view to their own.

They have chosen to picket outside of this event and protest what boils down to a man utilizing his right to free speech.

The idea behind freedom of speech is that people may speak their minds and their views without fear of reprisal.

If someone disagrees with a notion, it is their right.

When I walk by and see someone protesting a discussion or a debate, that picket line tells me two things.

First it tells me that those people are hypocritical enough to claim their right to speak their minds even as they ignore another person's right to do the same.

Secondly, it tells me that their own opinion is so shaky that they have to shout down any thoughtful objections.

If a political stance has real merit, it can be backed up with a polite exchange of ideas and doesn't need a group of picketers to block out other views.

-Charlie Martin
Class of 2004

Laugh-In

To the Editor:

Last week, Cynic readers were treated to yet another stunning letter to the editor from the incomparable Keith Rosenthal.

In spite of the headline above the letter ("Don't Bomb Iraq, Now or Ever"), it seems Mr. Rosenthal's main goal is to attack and ridicule Kenneth Adelman.

He devoted more than half of his letter to Mr. Adelman's alleged shortcomings and inadequacies.

With a few platitudes, some quotes out of context, some third grade insults, a few grammatical errors and some kindergarten reasoning, we got a bit of everything from his rhetorical arsenal.

Fortunately for Mr. Adelman, character assassination is not among Mr. Rosenthal's strong suits.

Instead of a vintage Rosenthal rant, we got aimless and uninspired prose.

As I persevere in the reading of his dribble, I began to wonder if perhaps Mr. Rosenthal had lost his edge.

When he referred to Mr. Adelman as "Kenny boy," I was almost forced to abandon his letter.

But a quick glance at the free campaign advertisement for Bernie Sanders pretending to be a letter to the editor reinforced my resolve and on I read.

Alas, but a few paragraphs later, I was rewarded when Mr. Rosenthal veered

back toward his specialty.

He connected Donald Rumsfeld to Mr. Adelman, and, in only two sentences, he was on the subject of Iraq.

My faith restored in the Cynic headline writers, I continued.

Two more sentences and Mr. Rosenthal had hit on chemical weapons and the strategic importance of Kuwait.

Then he really began to hit his stride.

Kuwait is important because of oil!

US sanctions kill thousands of Iraqi children!

A Scott Ritter quote!

Now this was a vintage Rosenthal rant.

I could feel the ideological fervor and unquestioning conviction.

Then, Rosenthal concluded: the US should not attack Iraq.

It really took my breath away.

It was a vintage Rosenthal rant: no argument, no logic, no cohesive thought, but plenty of unrelated factoids and manipulated figures.

Thank you, Mr. Rosenthal, and keep the letters coming.

They are most amusing and, in times like these, we all need a laugh now and then.

Come on, People Now, Everybody Get Together



Russel Henderson
Cynic Columnist

The University of Vermont takes an approach to diversity that is complete nonsense.

Under the guise of multicultural education, all students must endure a Race Relations and Ethnicity course.

It is ironic, then, that we must weather diversity education from an institution that has so skewed the idea.

The University's notion of multiculturalism is embodied in two of the campus's most visible, most influential organizations, ALANA and GLBTQA.

Thereby, African, Latino, Asian and Native American students are deemed worthy of extra attention (and extra money), as are homosexual students. Women's Studies and WORC

facilitate female inclusion.

But one group is intentionally marginalized: heterosexual white males. This approach implies both a cultural homogeneity among white men and, more subtly, a similar singularity of cultural experience among so-called disadvantaged groups.

UVM's variant of multiculturalism is standard practice nationwide-it is just as stupid here as at Berkeley, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

In its course offerings, sponsored programs and lectures, UVM, if unintentionally, reinforces the obstacles that have plagued racial and sexual minorities as well as 'womyn' since 1776.

UVM lumps Irishman, Italians, Poles and numerous distinct ethnicities into one 'dominant culture,' offering little sympathy for historical struggles no less important than those of non-white brethren.

Until 'guinea,' 'dumb Polack'

or 'drunken Irishman' jokes and the epithet 'cracker' incite the same rage as any act of discrimination, perceived or real, directed at homosexuals and people of color, we are all hypocrites.

The torch of the civil rights struggle that was passed to our generation by the children of the 1960's has been fumbled.

Within one of the two most enduring quotations of the movement, "separate" was conveyed as "inherently unequal" and, within the second, a dream was detailed as one in which children would "be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Both notions envision colorblindness as an end.

However, UVM cultivates the opposite - inequality in separatism - and not just in race relations.

Explicit bigotry from chosen victims is accepted while 'villains' are held accountable for promoting imagined or implied

intolerance.

This is patronizing to the very people it aims to aid.

The embodiment of this patronizing attitude is the Center for Cultural Pluralism. Its Race and Culture website embodies the lunacy of UVM's stance on multiculturalism.

For instance, a questionnaire asserts that "We are all guilty [of racism] by partaking of the benefits of a White society."

This statement's inherent assault on heterosexism, ableism and pursuits of other such Ivory Tower crusades smack of a single-minded view of diversity that categorizes the obese, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, homosexuals and even the poor as a definitive 'us' and everyone else - upper-class white heterosexual males - as 'them.'

Not only is that prejudicial and divisive, it provides poor preparation for the real world.

I still recall the shock of a student last year upon learning

that inserting the phrase 'patriarchal white society' didn't turn a piece rife with factual misrepresentations and flawed logic into an instant Pulitzer.

Should tossing slogans from Women's Studies or the CfCP earn a young professional a promotion or a pink slip?

Should those of us who identify with a disadvantaged group revel in victim status?

Should those of us who are ostensibly 'responsible' for discrimination wallow in self-loathing?

Cast off the popular chains of the oppressed mentality.

You are a person, not a label.

Reject the attempt of anyone to define you by the color of your skin, your sexual orientation or your house of worship.

Whether you are Moroccan or Mexican, Jew or Gentile, take pride in who you are and in a country that unites 300 million unique people one banner.

Free Your Mind, Your Class Will Follow

As any UVM student would attest, there is something amiss on campus.

The most visible form of the tension is manifest in the gratuitously large number of police on campus.

Every student knows that the UVM administration is doing its best to clean up the University's image as a huge party school. However, the administration's route to gain prestige causes extreme dissension between the school and the students that, in turn, creates a huge, problematic rift.

The school has seemingly become so preoccupied with straightening out its image that it has started to forget about its students and how they feel.

Essentially, the impression borne by every UVM student is the fact that the University has somehow forgotten that students not only learn but also live here.

The administration, at present, seems to view the students as big nuisances who tarnish the University's image as UVM strives to head up Kiplinger's best public colleges list.

University administration, with good reason, has its eyes firmly planted on a future UVM that is highly competitive and considered to be one of the very best in the nation. And, indeed, this school certainly seems to have the potential to reach such a status, but in heading toward the future, the past and especially the present must be kept in mind.

The University authorities need to keep in mind that one of the reasons this school is so appealing is due to the fact that it is a very liberal place where people feel free to be who they are, conduct themselves in their true manners and have no one say anything but, "Right on, live it up."

Such an atmosphere is not unusual in many small liberal arts schools in which a yearning to learn throughout each day and night is supported.

In a social sense, this means never ceasing to explore oneself and the surrounding world.

Such a form of learning and comprehension can only exist in a place where the people are open-minded enough to allow such multi-faceted quests for knowledge.

Thereby, the dissension that I mentioned earlier is starting to set in because students possess the aforementioned air of relaxed yet focused curiosity whereas the University administration does not.

The reason that the University officials are not being open-minded is because they are just looking at events such as the 4/20 smokedown that happened two years ago.

Although stopping this occurrence from happening last year was probably for the better, the school needs to realize that such phenomena are a result of a student body which likes to think 'outside of the box' that contains so-called social norms.

Here at UVM, there is no social norm, most people are not especially worried about fitting in or belonging to something in particular and the student body unconsciously understands that whomever you are and whatever you do, you are 'cool.'

An example of this intrinsic 'coolness' can be seen in the Greek life on campus.

In many other schools as large as UVM, Greek life is a major factor.

However, here at UVM, Greek life is, for people who wish to fraternize in the traditional collegiate sense, just another thing, among many, to do.

There is no hierarchy that exists wherein one person is in a more prestigious fraternity or anything like that.

Everyone just seems to be doing his/her own thing in his/her own special way in order to perpetuate the process of learning about and understanding each other and oneself; such desire for education is unusual and cannot be found in many other places or times throughout history.

Take notice of the distinctiveness to these drives for pure, unadulterated knowledge.

Although the school is doing its best to create a better image for itself, UVM needs to be careful not to go overboard.

If the administration surrounds the entire school with an unabashed police presence, it might make the campus a, technically, more secure place, one with, admittedly, fewer drugs; undoubtedly, such potential results can be positive.

But such infiltration also makes kids feel uncomfortable to do what they need to acquire a strong sense of self and of one another.

The administration is squelching the learning process, disallowing kids to seek out personality as students fear getting in trouble with every move they make.

The school's attempts to 'clean up' this place may be doing more harm than good by killing the liberal atmosphere which is really the main attraction to this school-and the primary way to raise it to the administration's desired level on Kiplinger's ranks.

Guest Columnist Jesse Bernstein is a member of the Class of 2005.



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Right now, at this very moment, I am delirious.

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I'm also alone.

Now why do you think that might be? Because I smell? I mean, I'm not denying it or anything, but I don't think that's the main reason.

In fact, the root of my solitary confinement in the bowels of Hell, er, the basement of Billings, lies in our dire understaffedness.

Now, many of you have been so gracious as to tell me you like my psychobabble. Thank you. What you lack in judgment, you make up for in flattery.

You also tell me you agree with some of my more coherent points and you often add in your own two cents and personal accounts of similar episodes. I dig that like an eager archaeologist.

And you also feel comfort-

able and compelled enough to inform me that while you enjoy certain aspects, you think that, overall, much of the Cynic sucks. I appreciate your honesty and, well, I won't disagree.

But what you don't do is show up at our meetings to effect change.

A heapin' helpin' of you have, at least verbally, contracted to help create a better Cynic, a more factually-sound Cynic, a Cynic more representative of the fact that most staffers are, contrary to popular belief, native English speakers. That sure is nice of you.

In theory.

What isn't so rib ticklin' is the amount of you cynics who materialize when the task is laid out on the table.

I know you all read the Lord's book daily, but, for shame, you seem to be ignoring the whole "Thou shalt not lie" rigamarole. What gives?

I have heard numerous claims of your interest, fertile

enough, to help plants the seeds for growth of a new, accurate and rowdy Cynic.

So, all you skilled gardeners out there, and even those of you who have not so successfully nursed your plants-of-choice to maturity and harvest, git yo' green thumbs in here.

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Reveal to your professors just how much your writing has improved because of their

instruction, or, if your talent is as yet going unrecognized, make clear to them that your verbosity is a force with which to be rivaled.

Enact conception every Wednesday night, when we hold meetings for all staffers, past, present and future.

You possess the actuality for construction of a Cynic everyone seriously enjoys reading not for its unintended humor in glaring errors, but for its well-written articles about informative or earth-shattering or deliberately hilarious things.

Please, then, exercise your right to a hardcore news source.

Demonstrate your will for a paper comprised of choice cuts and filled with kind buds.

And hallucinate for free with me, every Sunday night.

Ashley Lyons is a Cynic Columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Socially Inept

Last Thursday, the UVM College Republicans brought in Dr. Adelman, a former assistant to the Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Adelman is in favor of war with Iraq.

While I do not agree with Dr. Adelman's politics and most of what he had to say, I believe he was disrespected by a group of

students known as the International Socialist Organization (ISO).

For those of you not familiar with the ISO, they are the individuals who try to make you buy a copy of the Socialist Worker in front of the library.

At the Dr. Ken Adelman event, the ISO once again embarrassed UVM, fulfilling several

preconceived notions about our school.

During the event, the ISO acted like children.

Instead of asking intelligent questions, members of the ISO gave our guest idiotic political rants that contained misleading information.

At the end of these outbursts, the ISO would hoot, holler and scream like a touchdown was scored in a football game.

This inappropriate behavior is not the first display through which this group has made fools of itself and its members.

Please remember last fall, while driving an SGA van, ISO members were caught trespassing and in possession of illegal drugs at Fort Benning, a US military base in Georgia.

In addition, last year, this group almost had its SGA charter revoked for various SGA policy violations.

The ISO seems to dislike everything that has to do with the US government. But, the government that they hate allows people like the ISO to have a right to free speech and to assemble in public.

Given their national freedoms, the ISO attempts to advocate workers' rights, anti-Americanism and an anti-corporate America.

However, the cigarettes they smoke are not only harvested by underpaid farm workers for huge corporations but contain a variety of poisons and chemicals that are harmful to other people and to the environment.

The ISO ignores Dr. Adelman's speech's one correct aspect, the one concerning our government, the one in which he stated that, "We (United States) are not perfect, but we are the best system of government in the world.

"Every day, people all over the globe line up at US embassies to come to apply for visas to work, live and study here, and if there were no longer any immigration borders, this is the country that people would choose to come and live."

Thomas Freidman recently wrote in the New York Times, "For all the noise out there about anti-Americanism, America remains the unrivaled leader of the world – the big power, which makes its share of mistakes, but without which nothing good happens."

There is nothing wrong with a dissenting opinion about our country or government, but at least appreciate the US for what it provides to its citizens.

It seems that the ISO, with all its bickering and senseless complaining, does not appreciate the place that they live in the world.

The ISO desires anarchy and socialist values, but its voices of dissension would not be tolerated in a Socialist society.

Do the ISO members believe that their antics would be allowed in China or North Korea? Hopefully not, because in those countries they would be thrown into prison or shot for trying to exercise any individual rights.

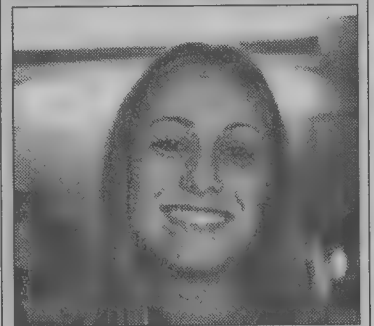
Of course, this being the US, the ISO can rant and rave with little negative repercussion. But the ISO must recognize what is appropriate and what is acceptable.

Their childish antics, bogus newspaper and ridiculous ideology are not even considered a check in our system, but rather, an annoyance.

Mike Banyas is a Cynic Columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

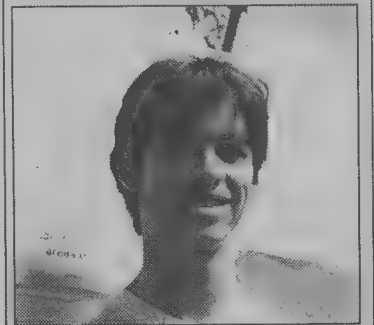
Cynical Inquisition

Compiled by Jenn Pappalas
How do you feel the parking situation could be improved at UVM?



"It is outrageous. I think of my car every time I walk."

Caroline Cooper, 2006, East Greenwich, RI



"The parking situation is too strict. Something needs to be done. Create more spots to park or just expect illegal parking, otherwise."

Pete Vancore, 2006, Alseck, PA



"The parking situation is ridiculous at UVM. There are 8,000 students and not even close to that many parking spots. If the administration really wanted to, they could easily fix the problem with underground parking lots. I think they don't allow freshmen to bring cars because they want us to fully adjust to college life away from home. Ultimately, I think it should be the students' own call s to leave campus in an automobile. The lack of vehicle usage makes me claustrophobic on campus."

Alison McSherry, 2006, Fairhaven, NJ



"It sucks. There needs to be more space. We are paying so much to be here, so they should represent."

Dave Neubauer, 2006, Washington, DC



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Canadian Studies Program Offers Unique Learning Experience

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boat as Women's Studies. There's competition for teachers and we rely on the cooperation and the good will of the other programs," said Senécal.

"The attractiveness comes and goes. Most students enroll because they're interested in a particular professor and this holds true for a lot of programs."

Professor Lee Thompson teaches the English 095 class in Canadian Literature.

She has been a professor for thirty years and was hired by the English department with cooperation from Canadian Studies.

She was born in Montreal and has lived in Quebec City. She now resides in Vermont and has a dual citizenship.

"The program is offering a lot more courses this year mainly because there were a lot of faculty on leave, including myself and André Senécal. There are also some people who are retiring," said Thompson.

"It's very logical to have a program like this here because Canada is the United States largest trading partner and Vermont, being a bordering state, has lots of connections.

"People who come to UVM that are from another part of the country or are from a different country altogether have a chance to explore Canada.

"It's very logical. Many peo-

ple here have friends and family that reside in Montreal. Quebec City is the most European looking place there."

Some students come into the course blind, not knowing the professors and just wanting to learn something about our neighbors up north.

"I took this class because I have always been curious about what goes on in the country north of us," said James Velde, a senior, who is currently taking the English 095 Canadian Literature course.

"It's the only other country that I have traveled to. Living in Vermont all my life, I wanted to know how they [Canadians] are like Vermonters because I think that we are a lot alike. We are from small towns and are very liberal."

"The program is very under-exploited" Senécal said.

"It can offer UVM very unique points of comparison and contrast for many topics that are in the curriculum.

"Canadians are influenced with two different trends and have an original and different way of looking at things. You have a European movement and an American Movement.

"It's very important and irreplaceable and it mixes two very different influences that you wouldn't get from living in New York or Los Angeles."

Lecture Series to Provide First-Years a Showcase of Every College

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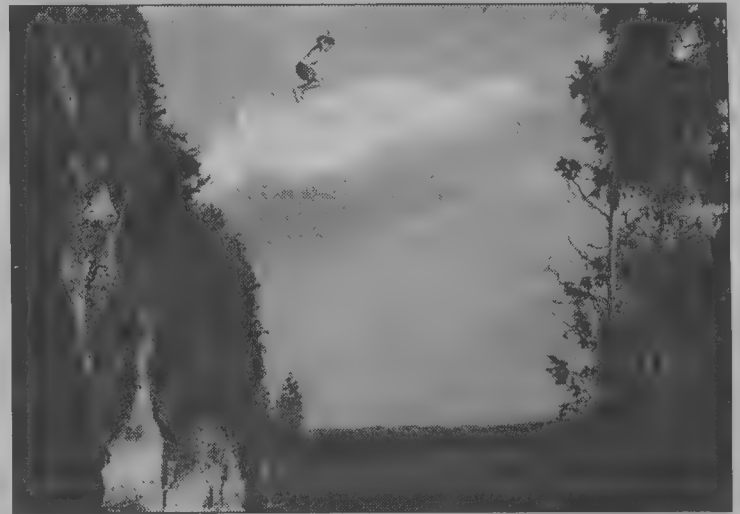
"It's always interesting to hear someone talk about a subject they find fascinating because you get kind of swept up by their enthusiasm," said Jennie Agin, a first-year student.

'Sometimes you decide your major on what you think you should be doing, and then you realize that there's something that you must be doing.'

-Frank Owen
Professor

Frank Owen, associate professor of art and recipient of the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Teaching Excellence is enthusiastic about giving the last talk of the series, entitled, "Why Art Students Rule," (Dec. 2).

His speech will be "fairly improvisational" but he wants students to relate to him and plans



Leap of Faith

Chris Sloane, 2006, jumps from 76 feet above the water at Red Rocks in South Burlington.

Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

on explaining his plans to become a business major until he took one fateful art class.

"Sometimes you decide your major based on what you think you should be doing, and then you realize that there's something that you must be doing," said Owen.

Owen calls it a "life shaping decision," and believes that students should be subjected to a variety of courses before they take that step.

Interested students can take an accompanying course "Art and Architecture at UVM," which provides students with a history of the monuments and significant buildings on campus.

The lectures are open to the UVM campus as well as the

Burlington community, and are as follows:

Oct. 7: Mathematics as a way of Understanding by Roger L. Cooke, professor of mathematics and George V. Kidder Faculty Award recipient

Nov. 4: What's So Special About Special Education? By Susan E. Hasazi, professor of education and recipient of The Joseph P. Kennedy Award in Education

Dec. 2: Why Art Students Rule by Frank Owen, associate professor of art and recipient of the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Teaching Excellence

All lectures are at 7:00 pm at the CC Theater.

Police Logs

SEPT 11

-Report of a verbal dispute at Jeanne Mance Hall. Parties spoken to and are all set, female affiliate given a safety escort to East Campus.

- Report of the theft of a backpack and contents from Billings, Cook Commons.

SEPT 12

-Report of motor vehicle property damage in parking lot of 406 South Prospect Street.

- Report of Vandalism at Simpson dining hall. Plate glass window broken. SOS notified to replace window.

- Suspicious activity complaint at Jeanne Mance. Found bike in bushes, checked for stolen, it was clear, bike returned to owner.

SEPT 13

- Alcohol violation in Marsh Hall. Destroyed six beers and half a bottle of vodka.

- Male affiliate picked up at Harris Hall and brought to ACT 1 for detox. Accepted at ACT 1 with a BAC of .179%.

-Report of a non-affiliate male on the main green who was arrested on a warrant out of Lamoille County; lodged at the Correctional Center.

-Report of two suspicious vehicles on University Heights; following

a pursuit of one vehicle the operator, a non-affiliate male, was lodged at the Correctional Center for aggravated assault on a police officer, carrying brass knuckles, driving while intoxicated, attempting to elude and resisting arrest. Aaron Carrien (7/21/82) was also issued a six month letter of trespass for all properties owned or controlled by the University of Vermont, including all buildings, grounds, residence halls and equipment.

Report of drugs found in the second vehicle; non-affiliate cited and released for possession of narcotics on University Heights. Shea MacKenzie (5/16/80), Michael Gilpin (1/18/82), and Brian Kenworthy (8/1/80) were issued six month letters of trespass for all properties owned or controlled by the University of Vermont, including all buildings, grounds, residence halls and equipment.

SEPT 14

-Report of an intoxicated affiliate male in the Harris Millis parking lot. He was accepted at Act 1 with a .216% bac.

-Report of an intoxicated affiliate male on S. Prospect Street. He was accepted at the Correctional Center for detox with a bac of .207%.

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Adelman had requested an open microphone, and spent more than an hour addressing students' questions.

Questions ranged from how the U.S. would establish peace in Iraq to one that likened Abbie Hoffman's trial to Adelman's earlier example of a nine-year old who disappeared for doubting the necessity of the Iraqi war against Iran.

But thanks to the efforts of Adelman, the sponsoring College GOP, and the audience, the talk never degenerated into the free-for-all reminiscent of previous controversial campus events.

Many other controversial campus speakers and debates have been interrupted by heckling and dominated by an atmosphere one student last year likened to a 'pep rally.'

Reactions to the event were

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-Sanjeev Yadav
Senior

largely positive.

"I didn't agree with a lot of what he said," senior Rob Hunt said. "But he handled himself like a professional against difficult and aggressive questioning."

Senior Alex Korn agreed. "He didn't convince me that

Iraq's transgressions merit US military action, but I enjoyed his speech."

The UVM College GOP, the event's lone sponsor, was very pleased.

According to Sanjeev Yadav, the UVM senior who introduced Adelman, "This event was a great showcase for UVM. It demonstrated the depth of our students' interest in foreign affairs and how disagreements can be debated in a civilized manner."

The group was also impressed with the turnout.

Bob Fulton, a junior in the College GOP, said, "We expected between two and three hundred people. We had twice that."

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Ranting And Raving

A New Column

Our generation is in a downward spiral. Just look at the art to emerge in the past 10 years.

Where do we have room to create our own culture? MTV has packaged and sold us our culture, and as soon as it becomes ineffective the product is changed. Doesn't anyone wonder what happened LFO, the band created on national television?

The music, art, and entertainment of our generation is nothing more than clever marketing schemes. They are so clever that no one realizes, or cares, that they are marketing schemes. Britney doesn't write her own music or play an instrument for that matter. Shakira is even less talented than Britney, if that's possible. MTV has more "made to sell" entertainment today than ever.

Why is Jackass funny? Why is CKY a "good" band? Who asked Justin Timberlake what he thinks? Who ever came up with the idea to film a sorority, especially when most of the pledges are juniors and seniors? Why is Bob Dylan still a sell out? Why does it cost \$20 to see Jurassic 5?

There are more and more examples these days of art for sale instead of art for art.

Where are our Woodward and Bernstein? Where is our MC5?

Where is our Andy Kauffman?

Where is our Lou Reed?

Where is our Tom Wolfe, or Truman Capote for that matter?

Where is our Frank Zappa (I'd settle for a Captain Beefheart)?

Where is our Abbie Hoffman?

Where is our Bobby Seale?

Where is our Oscar Ascosta?

Where is our Marlon Brando?

A man so uncompromising he sent a Native America woman to accept an Oscar and criticize the Academy/Hollywood for their portrayal of Native Americans, he won for best performance?

Where is anyone who hasn't been bought, or completely compromised themselves today? Have they gone into hiding? Can't they find any venues/forums? What ever happened to Strangers with Candy and The Upright Citizens Brigade? Why did R. Kelly make that music video with himself in a boxing ring? Why does anyone go to see a movie based on a SNL skit? Why is Austin Powers funny?

Answer: It's not. Austin Powers, (in the same vane as Married with Children and Guns and Roses) is humor/entertainment for third graders. Why do people love New York? Ask Abner Louima (sodomized with a broomstick by New York's finest) or Amadou Diallo (shot 41 times by New York City police officers) if they love New York.

Why are complacency and apathy so common today?

Living/Learning Gallery Exhibit: Vermont Native Caleb Kenna

By ANDREW WOODS

A group of unwashed Eastern European terrorists with access to weapons of bio-terrorism come head to head with Xander Cage, played by "the most versatile thespian known to contemporary man" Vin Diesel, a bottom-of-the-barrel small time criminal looking at his third strike in the California penal system.

He then foils their many would-be plans for world domination using everything from a heat seeking rocket launcher to dirt bikes. He even has the time to fall in love with an undercover Russian agent played by Asia Argento.

Unfortunately that is the plot for the movie XXX starring Vin Diesel, and has nothing to do with latest exhibit in the L/L gallery featuring the photography of Caleb Kenna.

Kenna's photographs were taken from his travels through Thailand, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Morocco. The exhibit of Kenna's photographs, seem to involve two themes: contrast and misconception.

Contrast can be seen throughout the exhibit, e.g. a picture of an Afghan soldier holding a kite in one hand and an assault rifle in the other, or a Buddhist wearing an Osama Bin Laden t-shirt. Kenna's work utilizes the contrast of his subjects and their surroundings.

Contrast was easily found in every country Kenna visited. "Afghanistan has an incredibly beautiful countryside, maybe the most beautiful in the world, but many of the buildings I saw had been bombed," said Kenna.

His photographs from Thailand demonstrated this theme all to well by first showing a Buddhist temple and then the notorious red light district that has come to identify



A young boy looks out over a soccer field in Havana, Cuba.

Photo Courtesy of www.calebkenna.com

Thailand to much of the World. Technology also served to highlight this theme with several pictures of an otherwise barren landscape accompanied by a man with what appeared to be the latest in communication technology.

Although the contrast of Kenna's subject matter is worth noting, the contrast of color in his work is what distinguishes Kenna's photography.

Whether it is a group of fishermen working with their nets or a woman carrying a basket of fruit on her head, the colors in every one of Kenna's photographs are nothing short of incredible.

Misconception was another prominent theme of Kenna's work, specifically the misconceptions of the areas and peoples he encountered. Where many Americans would think of the Middle East as a harsh and

unforgiving landscape littered with craters from an American bombing campaign, this exhibit shows the beauty of the land and people.

"Most of the destruction I saw was caused by fighting within Afghanistan over the past ten years," said Kenna of the many photographs that included images of bombed buildings and rubble.

One of Kenna's motivations for visiting the Middle East was to dispel the misconceptions regarding Afghanistan and Pakistan. Many of the photographs in the exhibit, show families and individuals smiling in what appeared to be very trying times and circumstances.

Although Kenna's photography reflects a land of great diversity, both culturally and physically, his trip was not without a certain amount of risk. Kenna even passed by the

exact area in Afghanistan where four other journalists were killed last year. Kenna's trip through Afghanistan, and Pakistan was anything but relaxed, and in the wake of Daniel Pearl's death anyone claiming to be a journalist assumes a certain amount of risk when traveling through the region that Kenna traveled through.

Kenna said he felt the most vulnerable when traveling through Pakistan, a country that still views the international press with a skeptical eye. He even remarked that taking a picture of a man or woman without their approval was considered an insult.

Caleb Kenna is a photographer for the Rutland Herald. His work is on display in the L/L gallery until Sept. 27th and can be seen at www.calebkenna.com.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

So you're the new manager of an Australian Bar and Bistro? Well ... I can understand getting drunk and passing out once, but three times! It doesn't help that you refer to the owner as a "red headed *&^%\$". Come on Kevin! You're 53 years old ... besides that your idea for a bar under the sea failed miserably and you need the money. Kevin Wall, local favorite.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

We all hate NASA and hate is a strong word, yet appropriate when referring to NASA. Filthy astronauts! Oh, I'm sorry, but I won't support killers.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

I'm a little confused. You decided that it was a good idea to skip class and watch *Gattica*. That wasn't a very good idea! Take a bath, you make me look bad.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

An international spy with a penchant for 19th century literature? Good start. Let me help. Add one part hilarious situation. Two parts hilarious characters. One part ironic twists. Shake and sell to NBC for primetime viewing.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Your sense of humor may be offensive and politically incorrect, but it's just so funny. Now for your horoscope: Your sense of humor may be offensive and politically incorrect, but it's just so funny.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

A nickname can be a good way to get the popular kids to respect you. Some nicknames that work: Iceberg, Young Hova, money maka', Rosie O'Donnel, Vin Diesel, Xander Cage, Welcome to the Xander Zone. If this doesn't work I suggest accepting your role as a loser. Ha ha ha! Accept it.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Your friends will try to drag you to Canada for a night of strip clubs, cheap beer, and public humiliation. Don't fight it. It was worth it anyway ... maybe. Hey I don't care if it's eight or eleven (check your math on that number), it's a LOT!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Joining organizations is a good way to get to know people. Attending their meetings is another good idea. Participation is a must in any organization. Just remember, the red Czech Republic hat and Taliban beard are a must.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

The Stars might hate you. Well with that said once they begin to hate they DO NOT stop. Although they had been drinking for 11 hours straight and they were in no mood for your joke about John Rocker. Remember, when The Stars are wearing their wife beater, it's not time for a John Rocker joke.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

If you find yourself in a foreign country watching a movie wondering how you can understand a foreign language, the movie is probably in English. Five plus three is too many.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You think pizza shops are cool? You like Wisconsin? String Cheese too? Keller Williams? That futon has several stains. Do something.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

If you think you can get away with murder, you're right. Dead right. Nick Cave, *Murder Ballads*. Buy it. Rock n roll pays off.

Quotes

"I found it on a park bench. There was only one page used. Looks like it's my lucky day."

-Anonymous affiliate female responding to a question about her choice regarding a St. Michaels notebook.

"Welcome to the Xander zone!"

-Vin Diesel, "XXX", right before he jumps off an automatically controlled boat headed for Prague with a payload of biological weapons.

"Your a** is dead!"

-Intoxicated man overheard outside of Olympic Stadium in Montreal, Canada, upset that he was asked to leave the stadium.

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Financial Accounting (runs: 5/20-8/16)	M&W	5:30-7:40p
Financial Accounting (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Managerial Accounting (runs: 5/20-8/16)	M&W	5:30-7:40p
Managerial Accounting (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	

ARTS & SCIENCES

American History I (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
American History II (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Anatomy & Physiology I (runs: 5/20-7/3)	M, W, F	8:30-11:40a
Anatomy & Physiology II (runs: 7/8-8/23)	M, W, F	8:30-11:30a
Art History: Renaissance to Present (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
Biology of Nutrition & Fitness, Intro to the (runs: 7/8-8/23)	T&Th	1:00-5:30p
Critical Thinking (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
Critical Thinking (runs: 7/8-8/16)	M&W	5:30-8:40p
English Composition (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
English Composition (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Ethics (runs: 7/8-8/16)	M&W	5:30-8:40p
Ethics (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
Fundamentals of Reading & Writing (runs: 7/8-8/16)	M&W	5:30-8:40p
Introductory Drawing (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Literature, Intro (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
Literature, Intro (runs: 7/8-8/16)	M&W	8:30-11:40a
Literature, Intro (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Modern American Social History (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Modern American Social History (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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Music Appreciation (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Philosophy (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Physical Science, Intro (runs: 5/14-7/2)	T&Th	5:15-9:25p
Psychology, Intro (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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Seminar in Contemporary World Issues (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
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Western Civilization I, Major Themes in (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
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Business Law I (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Electronic Business & Commerce, Intro (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Human Resource Management I (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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Internship for Business Majors (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T	5:30-7:00p
Macroeconomics (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
Macroeconomics (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	8:30-11:40a
Macroeconomics (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Microeconomics (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Problem Analysis & Decision Making (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
Strategic Management (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Computer Apps Batch File Programming (runs: 6/18-6/27)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Advanced Java Programming (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Advanced Visual Basic Programming (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Advanced Web Page Development (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Basic Telephony & Switching Systems (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
C++ Programming, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Computer Applications—		
Database Management (runs: 8/6-8/15)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Database Management (runs: 7/8-7/26)	ONLINE	
Database Management (runs: 8/12-8/30)	ONLINE	
Dreamweaver (runs: 7/8-7/26)	ONLINE	
File Management (runs: 6/4-6/13)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
File Management (runs: 5/20-6/7)	ONLINE	
Spreadsheets (runs: 6/10-6/28)	ONLINE	
Spreadsheets (runs: 7/23-8/1)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Word Processing (runs: 5/21-5/30)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Word Processing (runs: 7/9-7/18)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Computer Theory, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Computer Theory, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	W	5:30-8:40p
Current Topics in Computing (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	

Data Communications, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	M	5:30-9:00p
Data Communications, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
Enterprise Development with Java (runs: 5/20-8/16)	M	5:30-9:00p
Internet & Web Architecture (runs: 5/20-8/16)	ONLINE	
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Web Page Development, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	W	5:30-8:40p
Windows NT/2000 Systems Administration (runs: 5/20-8/16)	W	5:30-8:40p

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

Business Communication (runs: 7/8-8/16)	M&W	5:30-8:40p
Communications & Public Relations, Intro (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Designing Media for the Web (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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Media Writing (runs: 5/20-6/28)	M&W	5:30-9:00p
Photography, Intro (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Photography, Intro (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	8:30-11:40a
Principles & History of Graphic Design (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Professional Writing (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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Public Speaking (runs: 5/20-6/28)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
Small Group Communication (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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MATH & STATISTICS

Basic Mathematics (runs: 7/8-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-8:40p
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College Algebra (runs: 5/20-7/3)	ONLINE	
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College Algebra (runs: 7/8-8/23)	ONLINE	
Statistics, Intro (runs: 5/20-8/16)	T&Th	5:30-7:05p



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CALENDAR

WHAT'S GOING ON AT UVM SEPT 17-23

TUESDAY

Noon to 1 p.m. **SEMINAR:** "Rhodopsin Mutations and the Molecular Mechanism of Congenital Stationary Night Blindness," Dr. Daniel Oprian, Brandeis University, Stafford Hall 101. Information: (802)656-2164

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. **POETRY READING:** Galway Kinnell, Memorial Lounge Waterman 4:30 p.m. Information: 656-3056

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. **COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHOOL:** "Using Science to Pinpoint the Effects of Acupuncture," Dr. Helene Langevin, Neurology. Carpenter Auditorium, Given. Registration information: (802) 847-2886.

WEDNESDAY

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **LECTURE:** "Ideology and Representation: Afromexicans in 18th Century Mexican Iconography," Maria Herrera Sobek, Chicano Studies, University of California- Santa Barbara. Old Mill, Room 325, John Dewey Lounge. Information: 656-1096, 656-2263.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **LECTURE** "North of Slavery: African Americans in the Green Mountain State," Professor Ray Zirblis, Alum of UVM's History Department. The history of African Americans in Vermont. Wednesday September 18, John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. 4:00 p.m. Information: 656-3056

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **LECTURE:** "The Challenge of Living Under the Threat of Bioterrorism," Colonel David Jarrett, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. Presented by the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building. Information: Paula Fives-Taylor, (802) 656-1121

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **SEMINAR:** "Recent Research on St. Lawrence Iroquoians in Vermont: an Archaeological Perspective," by James B. Peterson, Anthropology Department. Part of Vermont Archaeology Month 2002. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: 656-4389.

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. **LECTURE:** "Recent Research on St. Lawrence Iroquoians in Vermont: An Archaeological Perspective," James Petersen, Anthropology. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: 656-4389,

THURSDAY

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **SEMINAR:** "NFAT in Thymocyte Development and T Cell Activation," Dr. Mercedes Rincon, Associate Professor, Department Of Medicine, Room B-333, Given

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **VIDEO:** "How to Respond to Injustice." UVM Police will facilitate discussion of two films, "True Colors" and "Not in Our Town." Part of the Center for Cultural Pluralism Fall Video Series. Please RSVP. Marsh Lounge, Billings Student Center. Information: 656-8833.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. **COFFEEHOUSE:** Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, OPEN MIC NIGHT, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons. Information: 656-4200,

SATURDAY

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Vs. Skidmore. Indoor tennis facility, Patrick Gym.

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. **PRESENTATION:** David Lamb, author of "Do Platanos Go with Collard Greens", will speak on topics related to his book. Waterman 427. Information: mailto:John.Mejia@uvm.edu 656-7882.

MONDAY

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. **WORKSHOP:** "Farm Share Nutrition Program." For participants enrolled in the Farm Share Program. Canal House Apartments, Bellows Falls. Information: Dianne Lamb, UVM Extension, 1-800-287-1552, mailto:dianne.lamb@uvm.edu.

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **COLLOQUIUM:** "Ain't Nobody's Business? A Public Personal History of Privacy after Baird v. Eisenstadt". Professor Nancy Welsh, English Department. September 23, 3:30 p.m. John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. Information: 656-3056

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **SPEAKER:** "Population Management Modeling for the Puritan Tiger Beetle" Kristian Omland, Post-doctoral Fellow Vermont Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Room 105 Marsh Life Sciences Building. Refreshments served at 3:50 p.m. Information: Department of Biology, 656-2922.

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP:** "Growing Places." A five-session (Sept. 23 and 30; Oct. 7, 14, and 21) pre-business planning program for individuals interested in starting an agricultural business. UVM Extension Office, 617 Comstock Road, Suite 5, Berlin. \$75, pre-registration required. Information: Mary Peabody, 1-866-860-1382 ext. 13, mailto:wagn@zoo.uvm.edu.

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **FILM:** US Latino Film Series presents "Zoot Suit" (Luis Valdez, 1981) in Waterman 427. Information: 656-3196.

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Men's Soccer in Good Hands with Sullivan

Continued from Back

Last year Sullivan won the starting position but the team struggled during a rebuilding year, which ruined some people's confidence.

This year they have already matched their previous season's total for wins with four and David has a save percentage of .965 proving he has forgotten about last year already and is thinking in the present.

"I am able to lead, direct and help my team by talking from the crease," said David who is already a team leader in just his second year of playing. "I can see the entire field and give them support throughout the game."

Sullivan credits his goal-keeping skills to his six-foot four-inch, 195 pound frame which runs

across the box and dives for low shots just as easily if he were 6 inches shorter and 50 pounds lighter.

"To be a goalie, it definitely takes a different breed. It's not easy standing in front of some of those shots and there is a whole bunch of pressure that comes with the job too. I've been doing it since I was six years old, so I guess I am getting used to it."

Sullivan's best attribute in net is his confidence with his team.

"Depending on how the conference goes, we could end up very nicely. We've got two great overtime wins and we've got some of the best players in the league. We definitely have the skills to compete this year and I plan on going far."



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

David Sullivan shows his intensity and love for the game as he is restrained by a teammate after a physical play with Dartmouth striker Matt LaBare.

Lacrosse Coach Honored by Alma Mata

Continued from Back

Since coming to UVM in 1999, Beville has guided the Cats to one America East playoff appearance.

He serves on the Division I All-American Selection Committee and the NCAA Playoff Advisory Committee, and is a voter in the national Division I poll. He was also a member of the US National team Selection Committee in 1998 and 2002.

Also active in various lacrosse organizations, Beville was the coach of the South team in the prestigious North-South All-Star game in 1997, and served six years on the

Division III All-American Selection Committee.

In 1989, Beville began a successful head-coaching career at Division III Colorado College, where he became the school's all-time winningest coach by compiling a record of 100-45 (.689) in 10 years. He also served on various national committees, including the Division III All-American Committee.

He was also invited to try out for the U.S. National team in 1986 and 1990, and was selected as an alternate to the team in 1986.

-Sports Info.

Captain's Corner

"We're the strongest we've ever been. Our hard work and enthusiasm has paid off over the past year and it is really showing.

"Everything has come together after the past weeks of practice and this weekend we really clicked. It might have taken a while but we really looked awesome. We had a lot more corners than Brown. I am personally very proud of the team."

-Field Hockey Captain **Sara Mercanti** on the her team's recent success which included a win over Brown this past weekend.

"This weekend was a big turnaround for us. We've obviously had a rough beginning to the season going 0-4 coming into (Sunday's game):

"We were going to need to help ourselves going into the league games and we got that on (Sunday) with a 3-2 win.

"We really tried to score first and cover our man. Fairfield scored first but then we did a really great job of coming back. It was also nice to get away for a change after a lot of playing at home."

-Women's Soccer Captain **Andrea Sinerate** on the team's trip to Cape Cod.

Men Get Four First Round Wins and a Doubles Championship

MEN'S TENNIS

The University of Vermont opened its fall season at the Assumption College Invitational.

Highlighting the Catamounts effort for the weekend were four first round victories by: Matthew Spring and Thomas Whittaker in singles matches, and the doubles teams of Ethan Bernstein/Jonathan Cooper and Griffin Maloney/Kolby Loft.

The team of Maloney and Loft won the fourth doubles championship title.

The Catamounts next match is on Saturday, September 14th at MIT.

First Round

First Singles: Geoffrey Wagner (BU) def. Johann Liljengren (UVM) 6-4, 6-4.

Second Singles: First Round, Ryan Richert (Assumption) def. Eric Conway (UVM) 6-0, 6-0.

Third Singles: First Round, Matthew Spring (UVM) def. Moody (UNH) 6-3, 6-2.

Fourth Singles: First Round, James Newman (Assumption) def. Kolby Loft (UVM) 6-3, 6-3.

Fifth Singles: Thomas Whittaker (UVM) def. Brendan King (UNH) 6-1, 6-2.

Sixth Singles: Krzysztof Kubacki (BU) def. Jonathan Cooper

(UVM) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Seventh Singles: Jonathan Mofsky (BU) def. Griffin Maloney (UVM) 6-4, 6-4.

Eighth Singles: Manuel Balawtan (BU) def. Ethan Bernstein (UVM) 6-2, 6-1.

First Doubles: Geoffrey Wagner and Adam Siegel (BU) def. Thomas Whittaker and Johann Liljengren (UVM) 8-1.

Second Doubles: Alex Madrigal and Jason Speirs (Assumption) def. Eric Conway and Matthew Spring (UVM) 8-3.

Third Doubles: Ethan Bernstein and Jonathan Cooper (UVM) def. Aaron King and Onfry (UNH) 8-2.

Fourth Doubles: Griffin Maloney and Kolby Loft (UVM) def. Krzysztof Kubacki and Manuel Bulawtan (BU) 8-5.

Championship Round

Third Singles: Speirs (Assumption) def. Spring (UVM) 6-2, 6-1.

Fifth Singles: Madrigal (Assumption) def. Whittaker (UVM) 6-2, 6-2.

Third Doubles: Newman and Erikson (Assumption) def. Bernstein and Cooper (UVM) 8-4.

Fourth Doubles: Maloney and Loft (UVM) def. Arkin and Torgrimson, by default

-Sports Info.

Field Hockey Losing Streak Snapped

FIELD HOCKEY

Junior Shanon Strenkert scored two goals, both on penalty corners, as the University of Vermont field hockey team snapped a two-game losing streak with a solid 2-0 victory over Brown at Dartmouth's Scully-Fahey Field.

After a scoreless first half, Vermont - 2-4 overall - took a 1-0 lead early in the second half on Strenkert's first goal of the season.

Junior Stephanie Shield took the shot off the penalty corner, and after a save by Brown goalkeeper Katie Noe, Strenkert slammed a low shot to the near post.

Strenkert added her second goal of the game, and the eighth of her career, midway through the second half, with Shield getting the assist.

Shield's bouncing shot got through the crowd of players in front of the cage, and Strenkert knocked it home out of the air.

"This was a very good win against a good team," Vermont coach Nicki Houghton said.

"Today, we followed our game plan and the team made adjustments during the game. We also played with more consistency throughout the entire game."

Vermont's Holly Colberg made two saves to record her second shutout of the season and the eighth of her career.

Noe made five saves for

Brown.

Vermont plays at Boston College Saturday at 1:00pm and vs. Yale at Harvard Sunday at 2:00pm.

-Sports Info.

Sullivan Receives AE Honors



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Sullivan eagerly awaits some action

David Sullivan of the University of Vermont was named America East Men's Soccer co-Player of the Week, the conference announced last Tuesday. Sullivan shared the honor with UNH forward Logan Lee.

A sophomore goalkeeper, Sullivan posted back-to-back 1-0 shutouts over Iona and Southwest Missouri State as the Catamounts won twice at the Smith Barney Soccer Classic this past weekend at UVM's Centennial Field.

Sullivan made five saves against the Gaels on Friday and then seven on Sunday against the highly regarded Bears of the

Men Prevail in OT

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The game was evenly played for most of the first half before Harvard's Joe Steffa banged one home to open the scoring in the 40th minute. Off a feed from Charles Morrow, Steffa's goalmouth finish bounced off the post past keeper David Sullivan. Four minutes later, Kevin Ara made it 2-0 heading into the break.

With the Catamounts pressing forward in the second half to get on the board, Fritz tallied twice for the final margin.

Sullivan finished with two saves before giving way to senior Ryan Corry (one save) for the final eight minutes. Jamie Roth (four saves) and Andrew Miller (no saves in 12 minutes) combined for the shutout in the season opener for the Crimson.

The Catamounts will head to Dayton next weekend to play in the Flyer Classic taking on Dayton on Friday at 7:30 pm and Elon on Sunday at noon.

-Sports Info.



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Sullivan Silva fights for the ball.

Missouri Valley Conference. Also named to the all-tournament team, he is just the third goalkeeper in 12 years of the Smith Barney Soccer Classic to record two shutouts over the weekend.

Sullivan has backboned a stingy defense that has allowed just one goal in four games this season as Vermont has won four of their first six after winning just four times in all 16 games a year ago. He leads the America East in goals against average, 0.25, save percentage, .955, and shutouts with four.

-Sports Info.



Catamount Sports



Woods Bad? But He's So Cute!



Foley: He is undoubtedly the most talented golfer of all time and he has brought a lot of money to the sport. But he is taking up so much attention that nobody is talking about any other golfer on tour and it is quickly becoming the Tiger Woods show.

Casey: So what? Was Babe Ruth bad for the game of baseball? Was Gretzky bad for hockey? No, of course not. They brought more fans to their respective sport than ever before. Yankee stadium is called the "House that Ruth built" for a reason. Gretzky brought the frozen game of hockey to southern California.

F: Those sports are different from golf. In golf people seem to only pay attention if Woods is playing that week. Let me ask you a question, who won this weeks PGA tournament? Better yet, What was the name of the tournament? You weren't watching cause Tiger wasn't playing and those that Tiger brought in weren't either.

C: I have no clue. Even if what you say is true, Tiger is still good for golf. The fact of the matter is, the people who didn't watch golf this weekend probably would have if Tiger played. You say this is a bad thing? He brings people to the sport. He makes people care.

People haven't turned on him yet but you're starting to hear more people say that their sick of seeing Tiger Woods run away with another tournament.

F: Dan Forsman won the tournament by making eagle on the 72nd hole. How's that for excitement? Yet it was treated no bigger than a Vermont State Amateur tournament. Tiger may bring in more people when he plays, but that's only 15 to 20 times a year. The other 20 plus weeks the tour doesn't even come up on the radar screen. Is he good for golf? Yes, only about 50% of the time though.

C: You and President Bush share an affinity for "fuzzy math." Tiger brings fans to the sport. Also, golf courses then are busier. He has done more for the sport of golf than any other person in history? Yet you say that because fewer people watch golf when he's not playing, is he bad for golf? I can refute this in two ways: 1) Woods only plays in the bigger tournaments, which draw bigger crowds, and 2) Why should viewers settle for a second rate product? When Tiger isn't playing, the best that golf has to offer is not being displayed.

F: Just 'cause he's the best player in golf doesn't mean he's the best golf has to offer. Does he sell more clubs? Ask retailers how the Nike products he played have sold. They haven't. As for only playing in big tournaments those have always brought in big crowds. People haven't turned on him yet but you're starting to hear more people say that their sick of seeing Tiger Woods run away with another tournament.

C: He sells golf clubs by increasing general interest in the sport. Newcomers to the sport are buying golf clubs. Anyways, when all is said and done, more people watch, play, and care about golf today than before Tiger turned pro. That can't be bad for the sport.

Sullivan Atop His Game; Puts Team Atop Standings



Goalkeeper David Sullivan clears the ball out of the box despite Dartmouth's heavy pressure.

By SCOTT WOODRUFF
CYNIC SPORTS EDITOR

Take a look into the Men's Soccer goalkeeper, David Sullivan's sock drawer and you will see 16 pairs of the exact same socks.

The Men's Soccer team has four wins in six games this year.

Watch David warm up before the game and you'll see that he singles himself out and prepares for the game apart from the rest of the team.

Of the four wins this season, four of them have been by shutout.

Say what you will about Sullivan's superstitions or pre-game rituals, but he is clearly one of the main reasons UVM sits atop the America East standings while his team is currently playing with the highest level of confidence.

Sullivan, a native of Hartford, CT, attended Kingswood-Oxford High School where he was a standout lacrosse and soccer player. During his senior year he cap-

tained the soccer and lacrosse team. Twice he played in the New England Prep School All Star Game. He was also a first team all-state selection for soccer in 1999.

His success carried right over into college when he came to UVM and red-shirted his first year. During that year he men-

"To be a goalie, it definitely takes a different breed. It's not easy standing in front of some of those shots and there is a whole bunch of pressure that comes with the job too. I've been doing it since I was six."

tored under senior goalie, Chris Shaver who taught David everything he knew while leading the Cats to an America East title in 2000.

"I look up to Chris a lot," said Sullivan. "He taught me so much and I learned a lot while watching him and talking to him. He helped me mature as a player and as a goalkeeper during that year."

Beville to be Honored by Washington College

MEN'S LACROSSE

Steve Beville, in his fifth year as head coach of men's lacrosse at the University of Vermont, will be inducted into the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 5th in Chestertown, Maryland.

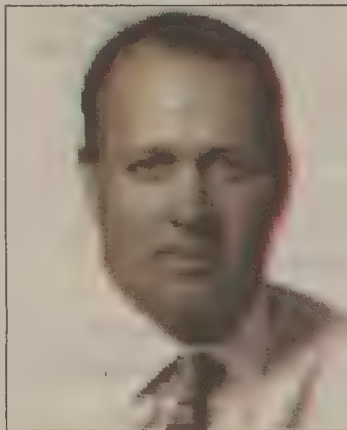
Beville, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., enjoyed a stellar career at Washington College. He started every game for four years, and the team went 47-16 during his career.

He was a First Team All-American and National Defensive Player of the Year in Division III in 1984 and 1985.

Beville was also co-MVP of the team in 1985 and was a two-time winner of the Joe McClain Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. Washington College participated in three national champi-

onship games during Beville's career.

After graduating from Washington College in 1985, was an assistant coach at his alma mater in 1986 and 1987, serving as defensive coordinator. *Continued on Page 11*



Steve Beville

University Photo

Men Rebound, Win in OT

Anderson's Goal Lifts Cats Over Big Green at Memorial Field

MEN'S SOCCER

Tony Anderson's goal in the second overtime gave Vermont a 1-0 win over Dartmouth in men's college soccer at Centennial Field on Sunday afternoon.

The win lifted the Catamounts to 4-2-0 as they equaled their victory total of a year ago when they won just four times in 16 games (4-9-3).

Vermont also had not won in their last five overtime contests (0-2-3) dating back to the 2000 America East Championship game when they topped Hofstra, 2-1, at Centennial Field.

Anderson's goal ended a wet, muddy and physical battle between the longtime rivals that was played mostly at midfield.

Also, both teams had solid chances to end the game in the extra sessions.

In the first OT, Dartmouth's Matt Miller saw his 20-yard blast hit a teammate and go wide and then UVM's Matt

Chavez, from point blank range, could not get a good attempt at a shot.

In the second overtime, a corner kick by Parisi started the play on the game-winner. A Big Green defender could not clear the ball and the Cats' Keli Helgason kept the ball in the penalty area with a pass to Chavez.

Chavez' first shot was stopped by Dartmouth keeper Doug Carr (eight saves) but he nudged his rebound to Anderson, who tapped in the winner from the right post.

David Sullivan finished with four saves in recording his fourth shutout of the year.

On Friday afternoon, Ladd Fritz scored twice as Harvard shutout Vermont, 4-0, in collegiate men's soccer at Ohiri Field.

The Catamounts had allowed just one goal in the four previous games before the Crimson exploded for four on Friday.

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Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Ronan Keegan battles for a ball during UVM's 1-0 overtime win against Dartmouth on Sunday

Palmer Wins Women's, Men Finish Third Overall

CROSS COUNTRY

The University of Vermont cross country teams opened the 2002 campaign at the UMass Invitational this afternoon.

Junior standout Michele Palmer won the women's race, finishing the course in a time of 17:39, to lift UVM (32 points) past Maine (37 points) and UMass (57 points).

The Vermont men finished third with 66 points behind Maine (18 points) and UMass (56 points).

Palmer, the 2001 America East Runner-up, was one of four UVM runners to finish in the top 10.

Junior Tee Gingras, coming off an injury plagued sophomore

season, had a strong outing, placing fourth with a time of 18:47.

Sophomore Alexandra Hill placed 6th (19:02) and freshman Katy Jackson came across the finish line in 10th place (19:23) in her first collegiate race.

Junior captain and Bennington, Vermont native, Bethany Brodeur just missed out on a top 10 finish, placing 11th in a time of 19:28.

Senior captain Chris Van Cott paced the men's team with a third place finish (24:18). Sophomore Lee Stanton was the only other Catamount in the top 10, recording a time of 24:56.

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UVM Works with Town in Community Outreach Partnership Program

By NICK RAHAIM

For the majority of students the Burlington community outside of UVM is uncharted territory; although students live in Burlington for nine months of the year, most never feel part of the community at large.

There are many ways for students to get involved in the community, including programs within the university where students can get involved and receive credit.

Undergrad service-learning classes are one way to get involved in the community while having a hands on learning experience. Service-learning classes are a part of the UVM/Burlington Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) that was founded

in 1999 with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant. This four year grant funds three major projects within COPC including Community Leadership, UVM Economic Impacts, and Fair Share Housing. COPC focuses mainly on Burlington's Old North End which is the region's poorest community and is a direct neighbor of the university.

The Community Leadership Project's main objective is to strengthen and expand the participation of Old North End residents in local issues and in community decision making.

A variety of training programs are available for people who want to get involved in the community and also for people

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Parking and Transportation Services Increase Permits to Reduce Debt



Kristen Irigney/VC Staff

Bob Winegar writes a ticket for an automobile parked in Visitor's Parking. This year a commuter parking permit is \$52 while a residential sticker is \$142.

UVM Hosts Anti-War Conference in Billings



Kristin Irigney/VC Staff

Students gather information at the Anti-War conference on Saturday outside of Billings Student Center.

By ROBERT WALKER

This Saturday, the CC Theatre in Billings Student Center was host to an anti-war conference presented by the Burlington Anti-War Coalition.

Members of the UVM community took part in a forum of local activists and prominent figures in the pacifist movement with the goal of spreading the message of non-violence and peaceful conflict resolution.

Helen Scott, a UVM professor, said that "Saturday's confer-

ence was designed to provide a much broader perspective on events across the globe that impact the lives of ordinary people everywhere."

She was also a member of a panel discussion on Iraq and its history at the conference.

Will Miller, a UVM professor and event organizer, gave people his background and insight into US foreign policy and the role we as a nation have played in global affairs.

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By TRACY SCHAWYER

The UVM community will not only feel the parking crunch in the lack of spaces this year, but also in their wallets.

The cost of student parking permits increased by 33 percent this year, and students can expect equivalent increases for at least the next two years.

Students aren't the only people paying more for parking this year. Service vendor permits are now 600 percent more expensive than last year.

UVM Faculty and Staff permits increase by five percent each year.

The main reason for this sizable increase is, "Parking has to support parking, addressing our needs through our budget, because we receive no funding from the central administration," according to John Casey, Interim Director of Transportation and Parking Services.

Whenever new construction of parking facilities is needed, the department has to fund projects with the money collected from parking permits, tickets, and visitor parking.

Currently, parking permits are the largest source of revenue for the department.

Transportation and Parking Services has an increased need

'Parking has to support parking, addressing our needs through our budget, because we receive no funding from the central administration.'

-John Casey

Parking and Transportation Interim Director

for funds, as UVM plans to expand student housing on Redstone Campus on existing campus parking lots.

Parking Services needs funds to build more spaces to replace the spots that are going to be lost by expanded student housing.

The initial solution to the parking crunch caused by the new student housing was to build a parking garage on campus.

It became evident that Parking Services did not have the funds to support this \$15 million dollar project. To compensate for the cost of the garage, the rent in this new housing would have been unrealistically high.

Therefore, it was decided to scale back plans by fifty percent.

Even with the revised housing projects only using the Simpson lot, and not three of the Redstone lots, 200 spaces need to be built to compensate for the lost parking lot.

Transportation and Parking

Services contribution to this project is \$500,000, said Casey.

There is also a \$300,000 dollar debt that the Parking Services incurred from the contract planning of the garage.

"With this upcoming construction and debt [the department] had to look at the reality of what it costs to provide those spaces for students, and get on a continual track of putting money aside," said Casey.

To date, the department has not received many complaints from students about the price of permits.

However, in the past, students who live on Redstone campus and had parking in the Gutterson lot were very persistent about getting the closer, more expensive Redstone parking permit.

This year there has been a shift where some students are opting to give up their Redstone parking permit, decided by lottery, and pay less for a Gutterson permit.

The current economy is Casey's explanation for this recent trend.

Students polled on campus who purchased parking permits thought the permits were exorbitantly expensive.

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Instant Karma's Gonna Get You

There are many ways of taking out one's frustrations.

Attending kickboxing classes serves to help alleviate stress levels, as do yoga classes or self-exploration of meditation.

Hell, cooking a nice, fresh dinner with friends who have culinary prowess eases tension.

Seriously, if your anxiety is going through the roof, chat it up with a calm and patient friend; one whom you trust and for whom you deeply care. He/she will aid you in achieving and maintaining a more manageable lifestyle.

But do not-repeat-DO NOT take your anxious and nerve-wracked tendencies out on others.

You will not be a happier camper after publicly bashing one of your more defenseless, slow-witted pals.

You will only have taken advantage of an all-too-easy opportunity, which really limits the distinction you will be awarded. And at the end of the day, you will still be stressed over your paper due in T minus 12 hours.

But in addition to being frighteningly overworked, your integrity will have also plummeted. Wouldn't you rather worry about a mere nervous breakdown than about your nervous breakdown as well as that of your poor, insulted friend?

You will have, also, to concern yourself with the people who will point fingers at you when you return, sullenly, from having failed your test.

They will be pointing, of course, at you, scoundrel, for perpetuating the stress cycle by dissin' (taste the early nineties, baby...) your fragile pally.

I would, personally, be happy to give you a massage or to provide the necessities for and to enact aromatherapy. I will also be more than inclined to bake you some comfort food or to escort you to the gym so you can burn off some steam-just LEAVE YOUR LESS WITTY FRIEND ALONE.

UVM is a breeding ground, a den, for HELLA nice folk. If you are one of the few people to spread ill (in the pejorative, not the colloquial, sense of the word) vibes, shame on yo' mean tongue.

Why not call up a family member and take your woes out on him/her? Relatives cannot help but love you, no matter how asinine you are. I think they are even paid to do so.

But not so with the meek of UVM. They are programmed to cry, not to banter back and forth with you until the rage is out of both of your systems.

In short, you bully, watch-a yo' tongue, kee-id.

A's and F's

A's

- To the housekeeping staff for working hard all year round, dealing with our messes day in and day out.

- To the students who actually show up to lectures and other educational events on campus. Groups spend money to bring these people in, and it's good to show up and to support, and also to learn something.

- To people who speak their opinions in class, even if they seem to be against the general consensus. We're here to hear all sides, right?

- To the University for bringing bands such as Jurassic 5 to campus. Keep them coming!

F's

- To the immature students who rip posters down throughout campus, no matter what groups the posters represent.

- To the bus drivers who don't take the time to let students cross in front of them. Someone's going to get hurt, and there is no need to rush.

- To the people who don't hold the doors open for others. How much time does it take to be nice to others, and not to let the door slam?

- To students who party loudly on weeknights. Can't you wait until the weekends? Some of us have classes we need sleep for.

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Laugh it Up

To the Editor:

I'd like to take a minute to respond to Columnist Russel Henderson's article in the 9/17 issue of the Cynic.

I agree that the diversity situation on this campus is silly. It is silly because this campus is not very diverse (however much some like to pretend otherwise), and because people choose to be offended over issues that do not warrant being upset.

Henderson seems to be offended by the idea of the Irish, Poles and Italians being lumped together as "whites" and because people aren't as upset by the word "mick" as they are "nigger."

Does he think that "micks" should be called "Irish Americans?" I think the problem is the exact opposite. People should be able not to be bothered by the use of either word.

How many African Americans have lived in Africa? My great-grandparents lived in Ireland, but I'm an American (of Irish descent), not an Irish American (if I decide to get dual citizenship, then I'll change that).

Most people would find the idea of trying to use the word "mick" in a hurtful way to be idiotic, possibly because few micks will find the term hurtful.

People don't tell me jokes about the Irish to hurt me, they tell me jokes

because they know I appreciate a funny joke.

It's people who tell jokes about the Irish and then get upset when someone else tells a joke about their ethnic identity that piss me off, not because there is anything wrong with jokes about the Irish, but because there's nothing wrong with a joke that isn't intended to hurt. Even jokes that are intended to hurt should be funny by the very absurdity of their intention.

The way this relates to UVM's practices is that there should not be special aide for people who exist within these created politically correct minority groups, but rather, aid should exist for those who need and deserve aid, regardless of who their ancestors were, or the tint of their melanin or what gender they find appealing.

If I had dark skin or preferred men to women, that wouldn't make me any more or less entitled to special consideration. On the other hand, some factors that would make me worthy of special consideration are if I worked harder at my academics or had even less money with which to pay for my education. Then would extra aid or attention be merited.

Nicholas Reuter
Class of 2003

We Don't (Not) Need No Education

To the Editor:

As students, we need good teachers. Without our teachers, our university education would be nothing. Fortunately, the professors here at UVM recently formed a faculty union. United Academics, as they are called, is in place to make sure that our faculty is paid reasonably, works in good conditions and gets proper benefits.

After all, if UVM doesn't give the professors good conditions, including smaller class sizes and better pay, we will not attract the kind of professors we have in the past.

This has already become a problem. For example, compared to the national averages of 22 similar state schools, our psychology professors are paid \$10,000 less than 20 of those other schools.

Most of the faculty that recently left UVM said it was because they would be paid 50 to 65 percent more at a different university.

Some might explain that the reason we cannot pay these teachers more is because UVM is in financial crisis. In fact, this is a rumor. First of all, UVM's net profit last year was \$24.1 million. Second, the salaries of the provost, vice-president, president and dean of the college have gone up consistently, while the faculty member's salaries have stagnated.

While faculty pay has risen only 15 to 17 percent in the last ten years, the provost position has experienced a 42 percent raise, and for the deans, a 41 per-

cent raise. While base pay for many professors can be in the range of \$30,000 and under, most of administration is paid well into the triple digits.

This begins to sound a lot like a corporate scandal. When will the administration decide to spend money on the school instead of on raises in their own salaries or on useless hidden funds like the "quasi-endowment" and "liquid plant assets?" This money would be well spent getting us good teachers.

This is where the faculty union comes in. It gives the faculty a fair chance to negotiate with the administration on an equal level. Before the union, faculty members were being stepped on, and our ranking for "faculty resources" fell from 51st to 117th according to US News and World Report. This is because the faculty is overworked and underpaid.

At this point, the union and the administration have been stuck in negotiations because the administration refuses to give up its power or make concessions from its own interests. We must support the union because it affects us directly.

Find out more information and look up upcoming events at www.unitedacademics.org. Write letters to the administration insisting that it be reasonable during negotiations. Attend union events. Start a petition in support of the union demands. Keep the union strong.

Our education depends on it.

Sophie Strosberg
Class of 2003

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Owner of a Lonely Heart

It's a cold and lonely business, being a freshman. You have no friends to comfort you, no family to guide you, your classes and work take up half your time and the other half...Well, the other half of the time, you wish you had more work to do, because reading Gardner's *A History of Western European Art* is better than sitting idly in your dorm room.

Pessimistic? Very possibly...but also accurate.

Granted, a lot of freshmen are out there making new friends, going to frat parties, reveling in their super-escapist excuse of a reality, but others are feeling considerably more isolated.

A lot of things have been troubling me lately, the least of which is this nagging suspicion that things aren't going to get easier, or better.

I told myself when I got up here, things would be different. I would be different, or at least I would act differently. I see now that I am not so much able to be a product of my environment as I am unable to function independently of my emotional state.

This is not comforting for someone with anxiety problems and control issues. I said I would find a boyfriend when I got up here, "settle down," start something serious, but disturbingly enough, I find myself slipping into old habits.

I try to concentrate on a new boyfriend and all I can seem to think about is how much I miss my old ones. I try to go out and have a good time, but it's all I can do not to wish I were in my hometown with all the people who know and love me.

I feel as if I am deserted, stranded, for having committed some terrible transgression: growing up. Why didn't anyone

Step out of your comfort zone and reach out with a smile to someone you see sitting alone at a table. You have the potential to make a freshman feel worlds better.

try to stop me? Why didn't I offer to stay? Suffice it to say, I feel as if between a rock and a hard place...

I really don't know what I'm doing here. And this frequently occurs to me whenever I see one of my teachers speaking directly out of the textbook. The quotation, "You wasted 150 grand on an education you could have gotten for a buck fifty in late fees at the public library," comes to mind.

I feel that as of right now, it would make as much sense for me to be at the New York School of Interior Design as it would be for me to be at the University of Vermont studying English. Don't get me wrong, I have absolutely nothing against interior decorators; in fact, I'm a big fan.

But I have as much of an idea as to what I would do with an English degree as what I would do with a degree in interior design. Though, come to think of it, with a degree in interior design, I'd be fairly sure of what I was doing, vocationally speaking. Hmmm; something to consider. I digress...

So what does all this self-pity boil down to? A necessity for adaptation? No, I don't think so. If it were simply that, then I should have felt comfortable here as soon as my metabolism adjusted to the dining hall's food. There must be a greater need, one that cold, clean-cut adaptation could neither pacify nor satiate. Maybe it's something we lacked in high

Them's Fightin' Words

The eternal argument in the Cynic lies between two extremes: the radical left and the radical right.

In the end, we, the student body, gain no more from the argument than if we had watched two li'l ones slug it out in front of LL's C-Low.

Here is where I step in as a semi-educated UVM student and give in my two cents.

Either ignore the ISO and Republicans (yes, this means choose another forum, super-duper-senior Kantor) or simply hand the commentary entirely over to us, the independent students of the UVM community.

Now people may think I'm one-sided when they see me wandering around campus with a gleam in my eye, wearing an Aeroflat shirt, but my tuition comes partly from a workaholic factory worker whom I lovingly call Dad.

When you can sit with a man fresh off his seventh sixty-hour work week running cutting machines in a furniture mill through 90 degree days, and he still has wit enough to eloquently

school, and were hoping to find here...social acceptance.

To all the upperclassmen unfortunate enough to stumble into this article, please step out of your comfort zone and reach out with a smile to someone you see sitting alone at a table in the mouth-of-hell >AHM< dining hall.

Think what it might have been like if someone had shown you a bit of kindness when you were feeling down your first year. That's really all anyone can ask of anyone else. Just think-you have the potential to make a freshman feel worlds better.

Daniel Osach is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2006.

brush off radicalism, you gain respect for the position.

However, we at UVM are not graced by experienced members of the working class or the corporate elite.

We are graced by their children, and we are all simply that-children.

In a decade or two, if Keith and John are still arguing the same arguments, then let them do so via the print media, but for now, they are both privileged li'l chillins roughing each other up on a \$30,000 a year playground, disturbing the rest of us trying to get on with our own lives.

On a final note to all those fine folks I just alienated who will soon accuse me of trying to take their first amendment rights, remember, the freedom to speak does not automatically make you worth listening to.

William Huling is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

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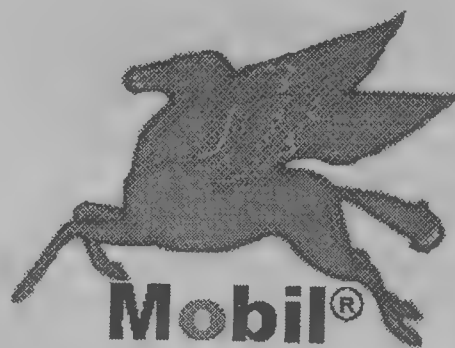
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Taking One for the Team

Many students are unaware that the recently formed faculty union has declared an impasse in the negotiations of its first contract with the UVM administration. This initial contract will become the model for all future interactions between faculty and management.

Their differences have arisen over conflicting visions of the university's purpose. Over the past ten years, the administration has decided that the best way to run a school is to follow a corporate model, translating into cutting costs and maintaining strict centralized control over making decisions. It also means running a high profit margin.

Last year, UVM posted a \$24.1 million profit and has posted similarly huge profits in years past. At the same time, management complains that there is not enough money to pay faculty or staff decently.

This income does not trickle down to the faculty who do the teaching. During the 1990s, UVM's spending on administrative costs increased at double the rate of instructional costs. The salaries of the deans, provost and general counsel have increased by between 45% and 62% (not to mention the new president's immediate 60% raise and his gratuitous \$21,600 housing allowance) while the faculty has only received, on average, a 15%-

23% raise.

The UVM faculty is among the very lowest paid of any state university in the country. Thirty-seven percent of full-time faculty is hired on "temporary" one-year contracts every year. In the College of Education, over 65% of professors are temps, and some of these instructors have been teaching at UVM for nine years or longer. The history department could not even fill an open full-time position because the low salary turned people away.

Nor does the faculty have any say in the distribution of the university's wealth. Decisions about program cuts and curriculum are made at the whim of management, based purely on financial self-interest rather than on how it serves students and faculty. UVM is being run as a corporation, not as an institution of higher learning, and the most important thing for the administration is the bottom line.

These are serious problems for the academic integrity of UVM. Professor Nancy Welch said: "You can't teach ideas or concepts that test boundaries or produce new knowledge if you are worried that your job is not going to be renewed next year. That's why we have tenure."

"Academic quality has got to decline when faculty are not supported and do not have academic freedom."

The faculty union is fighting to ensure that the people who actually provide us with an education have a say in the curriculum that they teach and in what programs the university provides—a basic academic right.

And there is enough money at this university to pay the faculty and staff a decent salary AND provide students fancy new stuff, like the long-incoming, administration-promised student center. The only thing there is not enough money for is to continue bloating its administrators' salaries.

The corporate mentality of short-term profit pushed by management will only undermine the academics of this university. It points to incredible disrespect for our excellent faculty and for the only true purpose of any university: scholarship and learning.

As professor Helen Scott said, "The way to make UVM healthy is to make it educationally superb. That's what attracts students."

It is the union which is fighting on behalf of students to better the academics and reputation of UVM, and it is only the faculty who will ultimately boost the university's "national rating" about which our new president so obsesses.

Chris Pedler is a guest columnist and member of the Class of 2003.

Drivel Union

In theory, a union is a superb idea.

Collective bargaining allows employees to demand better pay, working conditions and more.

Unfortunately, what is great on paper can be less attractive in practice. Many unions function as little more than fundraisers for the Democratic Party. Others wield the leverage of the strike as a weapon despite reasonable wages and benefits.

This is not to imply that all unions are superfluous. Many help employees win well-deserved pay increases.

However, minimum wage laws, OSHA and a competitive labor market offer for free many of the same protections once guaranteed only by unions.

Unions and their advocates are often criticized for losing sight of the bigger picture. This was painfully apparent during the UK Coal Miner's Strike, when the Soviet-funded NUM lost a year-long battle against Maggie Thatcher.

In disputing the closing of a handful of redundant coal pits, militant workers prevented a referendum and utilized flying pickets to intimidate fellow miners into striking. Because the union wielded political clout it never should have had, the majority of miners faced

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the ramifications of a strike they never wanted. Instead of a few thousand job losses, largely early retirements, the industry was reduced to a fraction of its former size.

The lessons of 1984 are mirrored somewhat at IBM, where Bernie Sanders has pushed unionization for years. Thousands were let go this year, and where will IBM look when it needs to lose a few thousand more? Odds are on Vermont and its anti-business, when-in-doubt-unionize political climate.

The situation on this campus is little different. Many of my favorite professors are staunch union supporters, and I sympathize with those who see the union as the means through which to acquire nationally competitive wages and benefits. But salary issues deal with two very important factors.

First, the pay of those professors who publish frequently and earn acclaim in their respective fields compares favorably to those who do not. Despite his protestations to the contrary, Will Miller makes just \$39,959 after 33 years because he fails to generate academic work.

Second of all, money at this financially-strapped university will not suddenly materialize because of unionization. Only when the state decides to contribute to its foremost public university will the salary situation on this campus improve.

This is why the vote to unionize won by a mere 53% to 47%, and why only half the faculty is represented by United Academics.

A non-insignificant problem facing faculty is that some of the union's driving forces are revolutionary Marxists who seek to hijack unionization to press the idea as an intrinsic good. I find it hardly astonishing that members of an organization that advocates the overthrow of our government would break a gag order.

I tremble at the idea that some in the union might view campus activists as a substitute for the leverage of a closed shop. Student groups marched 'in solidarity' just days ago, recycling utterly irrelevant anti-war signs and fencing the same insipid rag they were selling days before at an anti-war protest.

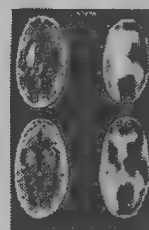
How long before students begin occupying buildings in support of, if not at the behest of, certain union professors?

I would hate to see the reputation of this university tarnished further by faculty impresarios who care little for their student puppets and even less for this institution.

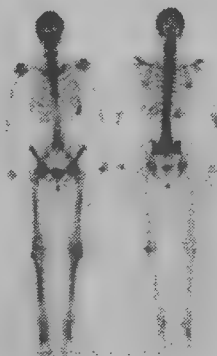
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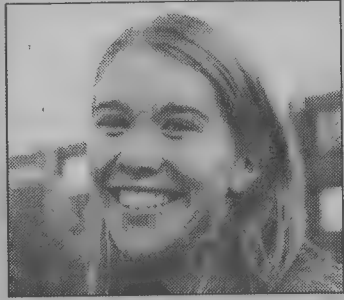
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Cynical Inquisition

Compiled by Jenn Pappalas
What is your favorite pick-up line?



"So when I was writing this song last night..."
Nick Traverse, 2005, Castleton, VT



"Is that a mirror in your pocket? Because I can see me in your pants."
Melissa McCue, 2006, Merrimack, MA



"Dramatically rub your eye in front of a girl and when she asks if there is something in your eye say, 'Yes, you'."
Tony Nichols, Food Transportation



"Nice bum, where ya from?"
Neale Mahoney, 2006, South Burlington, VT

The COPC Sets Out to Better Burlington Community

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who are already involved and want to "enhance their leadership skills." Getting involved is as easy as volunteering at an organization like the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington.

The Community Leadership Program has helped consolidate and restructure many city programs such as the Division of Neighborhood Services, Community Support Program, and the Public Safety Project.

The Economic Impacts Project examines how UVM's \$300 million dollars in annual expenditure affects Chittenden County.

The project's goal is to expand and improve employment opportunities at UVM and increase opportunities for local businesses to sell their goods and services to the university.

Many job placement programs have been started to help the disabled and those coming off public assistance find jobs within the university.

A student-developed brochure entitled "How to Do Business with UVM" was handed out at the Vermont "Match

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-Courtney Lamontage
COPC Coordinator

Makers" fair for state businesses; this was also the first time UVM's Director of Purchasing participated in the event.

UVM's employment office is now taking the initiative to inform members of the community of available jobs rather than waiting for members of the community to come to them.

Burlington's housing shortage is well known to those who have looked for off-campus housing, but those hit hardest by the shortage are the low-income members of the community.

The problem is an abundance of low-wage jobs in the region, yet a lack of low-income housing. The Fair Share Housing Project is working with community groups, zoning boards, and planning commissions to open up Burlington's suburbs for low-income housing.

On Oct. 23, there will be a conference called Making Housing Affordable: Regional Solutions for Chittenden County, where residents, community leaders, and other community organization will try to find solutions for the housing crisis.

One service-learning class that has successfully changed the way UVM interacts with the community is "UVM and the Local/Regional Economy," Econ 295/ CDAE 295; this class is taught by Assistant Professor of Economics, Nancy Brooks, and Visiting Professor of Community

Development and Applied Economics, Richard Schramm.

This class has been offered since January 2000 and builds on the work of each previous semester. Overseeing the class is a 14 person Advisory Committee that is made up of UVM, local business, and community leaders along with local residents.

Professor Nancy Brooks said, "The idea of this class is two-fold; one is to learn the basic principles and theories of local economic development. The second (is to determine whether) it is possible that there are policy changes that could be made that wouldn't be costly to the university but maybe just change the way they way (the university) does things to make us a better neighbor."

In the final year of the original HUD grant the UVM/Burlington COPC has two UVM policy proposals in the works, according to Richard Schramm.

The first is to allow all Vermont residents to audit classes at UVM cost-free. The second is to increase the instate purchases of goods and services.

Courtney Lamontage the Coordinator of UVM/Community Partnerships is optimistic that there will be another HUD grant to keep the program in existence.

"The UVM/Burlington COPC has been very very successful, comparatively when looking at COPC's at other schools we are often offered up as a model of excellence," said Lamontage.

For more information on service-learning classes and the UVM/Burlington COPC in general contact Courtney Lamontage at 656-0095 or at www.uvm.edu/~copc/.

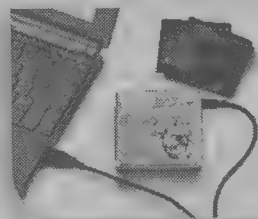
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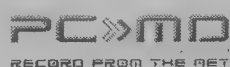


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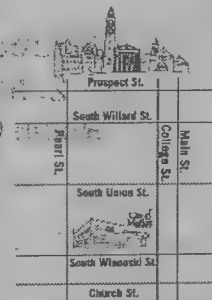
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Parking Services Collects Hundreds of Thousands Annually From Citations

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"The parking is so expensive (on Redstone) especially because the parking is not tight at all," said sophomore MacKenzie Dean.

Others agree. "I think the amount charged for parking on campus is ridiculous," said sophomore Matt Eustice.

"It's not our fault UVM is in such a large debt. We already pay thousands of dollars to go to this school, at least give us a break on something."

Parking permits is not the only way that Parking and Transportation Services makes money.

'It's not our fault UVM is in such a large debt. Give us a break on something.'

-Matt Eustice
Sophomore

In the past year, July 2001 to June 2002, Parking and Transportation Services issued 16,172 fine citation and 9,726 courtesy warnings.

The total revenue collected from these 16,172 citations was 360,560 dollars.

The most commonly cited parking violation on campus is parking in a restricted area.

Panels Spoke Out Against Injustice at Anti-War Conference

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Miller ran a workshop dealing with the current US involvement in Afghanistan and our role in the "devastation of the country."

He wanted to give people the information that is missing from the school curriculum and agenda. Having been in Army intelligence, Miller is aware of the disparity between what policy and actuality is in the armed forces.

The Peace and Justice Center had several affiliates running workshops and speaking out.

Kimberly Ead, one of those affiliates, spoke about organizing, mobilizing, and showing solidarity in the face of injustice and senseless aggression. She finds herself motivated to speak out by the "people... suffering from injustice."

Many participants of the day's events also found the panels helpful.

"I'm here to broaden my perspective and enlighten myself on the issues dominating today's news," said participant Michael Strom.

National Recognition for Community Service Efforts

A new national group created to call attention to universities with outstanding community service programs has chosen UVM as an exemplary institution.

CampusCares, a nationwide network of higher education associations, selected the university for dedication to service and wide range of available programs.

"This is not a surprise to me," said Andrew Feldman, assistant director for community service. "Our students are engaged in so many different ways, both here in Vermont and around the nation with service."

CampusCares selected UVM because it "offers service programs that are nationally recognized for their achievement. Their activities illustrate higher education's dedication to fostering among students, faculty, and staff a commitment to community service and civic engagement."

The programs recognized by CampusCares are:

"Community Service TREK," a week of volunteer work for new first-year students before classes begin. Participating students have worked on a Habitat for Humanity home in Burlington, built bridges on the Catamount Ski Trail in the Green Mountain National Forest and cleared a section of the Long Trail near Smuggler's Notch.

"Alternative Weekends," a series of overnight community service projects. These have included volunteering with disabled youth, performing environmental restoration, serving the homeless and building with Habitat for Humanity.

"Alternative Summer Break," a pilot service trip to Alabama and Georgia in May 2002. Trip participants studied civil rights and diversity and volunteered with an anti-poverty organization.

-Staff Report

Expo To Show Environmentally Friendly Transportation Options

Imagine Chittenden County without the twice-daily, bumper-to-bumper traffic. Envision Vermont without vehicle pollution.

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The Expo is part of UVM's annual George D. Aiken Lectures "After Oil: The Future of Personal Transportation" sponsored this year by the University's College of Engineering and Mathematics and Division of Continuing Education.

Visitors will be able to attend demonstrations, look under the hoods and test drive several vehicles: hybrid, fuel cell, bio-diesel, electric, solar and natural gas cars, vans and buses. The latest ideas for Vermont transportation will be on display. And it's not all about the future: anyone can take home no-cost ideas on how to travel more efficiently and environmentally.

'I'm proud that the Aiken Lecture Series is the host for this first-ever, grand-scale exposition of alternative vehicles in Vermont.'

-Robert Jenkins
Dean

At the Expo: Twike, Ford Focus hydrogen fuel cell, Toyota Prius hybrid, compressed natural gas (CNG) van and CNG Honda Civic, Solectria Force sedan and E-10 pick-up truck, DaimlerChrysler GEM electric vehicles, Honda Civic GX and a home-made bio-diesel vehicle.

And for those ready to forget cars altogether, many exhibits will

feature bus, rail, bicycle and walking.

Concurrently, UVM's 2002 George D. Aiken Lectures will feature opening remarks by well-known environmental journalist Bill McKibben, award-winning author of "The End of Nature" and six other books and frequent contributor to "The New Yorker," "The Atlantic," "Harpers" and others.

The "After Oil: The Future of Personal Transportation" symposium from 1-5 p.m. in the Patrick Gymnasium will feature panel and round-table discussions with more than a dozen environmental and industry speakers.

In addition to several UVM environmental science and engineering experts, speakers include:

Joanna DeHaven Underwood, President, INFORM, Inc. which documents environmental business practices; Erin Russell-Story, executive director of the nonprofit alternative vehicle organization, EVermont; Harold Schobert, director of The Energy Institute and professor of fuel science at Penn State University; Robert B. Kennedy, administrator, Lowell (Massachusetts) Regional Transit Authority; Greg Zilberfarb, national account manager, Ford Alternative Fuel Vehicles and many others.

"I'm proud that the Aiken Lecture Series is the host for this first-ever, grand-scale exposition of alternative vehicles in Vermont," said Robert Jenkins, dean of UVM's College of Engineering and Mathematics.

"It will be a great opportunity for the public to see first hand examples of what is likely to be the next generation of personal transportation. The combination of the Expo and the expert discussions will help us all understand the challenges of the future and their potential solutions."

The Expo and lectures are free, and open to the public.

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Ranting and Raving

I think we at UVM should do as we always do...chill. With the administration doing everything they can to tighten security and make us fit into the shell of Ivy League varsity sweater-wearing dorks...we should do as we always do...chill. They can tell us to do this and not to do that, but we can always ignore them and do our own thing.

With the town police and the school police working together, we as fellow students should help each other out, take the party bus up and down the hill on those long nights in the darkness, and pick a freshman up off the floor... it's for their own good. With harder and harder classes, I don't know if my head is getting bigger or smaller?

I just know we have to chill. See your buddies, talk to the folks, and be nice to the professors. At any time of the day or night, you know there are undoubtedly people chillin'...so let your neighbors come in and chill, wave to the cops and admin, and sit back and relax. Whether you're chillin' or illin' it, just remember someone somewhere is chillin'. In the face of the adversity that we as UVM students face everyday, never forget we can always chill.

Wow. To call this rant "unintelligent" and "worthless" is to do a real disservice to all things unintelligent and worthless.

The author of that rant should be publicly sterilized so we all know he will not be able to pass on his genes. I've never been one to support state sanctioned birth control, but I've never seen such compelling evidence in support of selective breeding. Perhaps more disturbing than that rant is the fact he used the pronoun "we". Did

you see that?

This means the author is not alone; in fact he was the most motivated member of his group, the only one that took time out of his *lifestyle* to write that rant. What may be even more disturbing is that this author has become the rule here at UVM, not the exception.

Here's a question: Why didn't he just take a nap instead of writing that? His time spent unconscious would be of benefit to not only himself, but the general public. If this is our future, I think I'll take a nap...and a one way ticket over the border where there is enough land to safely avoid these people. That's not the end though, because the Internet has given them unlimited range!

Whoever keeps feeding these people should be forced to answer for them. I for one am glad viruses are mutating at a rate faster than the medical world can create vaccines, otherwise there might be nothing to stop this breed of new and more informed college student.

Some may say that this rant is a bit harsh, but I would invite the author of the aforementioned rant to not only respond to this "reaction rant," but to confront me personally. Now listen up, I live at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington D.C. Walk right up to the front door, I'll leave it unlocked for you.

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Blue Crush

By ANDREW WOODS

After looking over the reviews at www.hollywoodjesus.com, I decided the movie "Blue Crush" had more than enough plot twists, romance, and aggressively empowered girls who love to surf to make it worth seeing.

The girls, Anne Marie Chadwick (Kate Bosworth), Eden (Michelle Rodriguez), and Lena (Sanoe Lake), love to surf but are forced to work as maids in an upscale Hawaiian hotel, and refuse to be treated badly by any-

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one who crosses them.

This includes a group of rowdy professional football players, rival male surfers, and a boss with demanding standards. Anne is stuck supporting herself and her sister Penny (Mika Boreem), because their mother left them for a seldom-mentioned man.

And what's a movie about female surfers without professional football players?

I'm not sure who wrote this screenplay, but the word "genius" comes to mind. In what proved to be an exciting plot twist, the four main characters of the movie stumble onto easy money by, you guessed it, giving four professional football players surfing lessons. It couldn't have happened at a better time for these girls, because Anne Marie Chadwick was fired from her job at the hotel for showing the same group of profession-

MOVIE REVIEW

al football players exactly how to dispose of their used condoms.

As the lessons continue, Anne begins to spend less time surfing and more time in the company of professional quarterback Matt Tollman (Matthew Davis), much to the chagrin of her friend Eden who wants Anne to spend more time preparing for the "Pipe Competition".

The competition is Anne's road to sponsorship and out of poverty, there's just one problem: Anne almost drowned the last time she decided to compete in the competition and has not competed since.

I must admit that when I saw the trailer for this movie I was skeptical. It seemed like a formulaic movie that featured forgettably attractive actresses. I thought the movie would be overridden with catch phrases and enough surfing lingo to not only make me sick, but seriously reconsider the movie "xXx" with Vin Diesel. It turns out I was right.

Even the aggressive male surfers that own the local water were not that intimidating. The football players played for an unmentioned team, and it was painfully obvious that Matt was "slumming." Why didn't Anne realize that her heart was going to be broken especially given the fact that Matt had previously slept with a Shoney's waitress and was leaving in a week? I don't know and I don't care.

Perhaps one of the better sequences of the movie involved repeated flashbacks of Anne hitting her head on a coral reef dur-

ing her first Pipe Competition. It was only good because there was a small chance that a hungry shark might be passing by at that exact moment sparing us all the rest of the movie.

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Anne's sister, Penny, was another highlight of the movie. She drinks, smokes, and blames Anne for their mother's desertion. One of the more disturbing aspects of this movie is Penny's clothing. She develops from a fully clothed, fourteen year old girl, to a scantily clad teen of indiscernible age by the end of the movie.

There are also several sexual references made regarding Penny, by at least two of the football players. As a movie critic I must question the motivations of Director John Stockwell, behind filming this particular part of the movie.

I can honestly say that I now know less about surfing, and have developed a stereotype of female surfers that will be hard to shake.

I would like to say that Stockwell has finally created the answer to "Citizen Kane" with "Blue Crush", but I would also like to say the movie included a violent shark attack that left all four actresses bleeding and unemployed.

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Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Just because you're from New Jersey doesn't mean you can't rock 'n' roll. Wait...scratch that, remember Bon Jovi? And the Boss? You can't rock afterall! But you are really close to New York City and The Shadowz Brotherz need an intern this summer. Oh wait, they've been shut down, again.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You may think that astrology shouldn't include rock 'n' roll. You are wrong and you shouldn't eat so much when you are depressed. Seriously, it's becoming a problem and it's freaking people out. Many people are upset. You are a psycho. The Stars are also psychos, but they can usually control themselves, unless they've been driving twelve hours through hail. Your opinions are of no consequence.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

So you've decided to take a year off from school. Maybe you should backpack you way across Europe and write poetry about the things you see. Remember the old saying "Get off me or I'll sue you for assault! Stop it! Stop it!" Try to avoid telling this to the Stars, they seriously disagree with your lifestyle and you're not helping their situation. Unemployment is not fun...till the weekend!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

We've never seen a sit-

uation like this before. Showing up drunk and riddled with VD to that Red Cross clinic to give blood was a bad idea...but only because they are jerks. They like the Yankees.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Did you see "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" I don't know about you but Eddie Murphy has still got it. I mean I think he got funnier after he tried to pick up that male prostitute dressed up as a girl. Anyway, what are you doing tonight? I actually got two tickets to Reo Speedwagon and they've got this song called "Can't Fight This Feeling Anymore." Oh...you can't? I guess I'll just go home this weekend.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Whatever happened to big name movie stars? I guess they married Roseanne and enjoyed an unsuccessful stand up comedy career. Tom, if you're reading this I want you to fall in love again.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Twelve inches of fun are ready to come down your pipes. What? Seriously, what are you talking about? I was just thinking of bringing you some Go-gurt as you skateboarded this afternoon. Dude, that's not cool.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

With hockey season approaching, you may want to lower your standards. Just get it out of the way. It's a good movie with a good premise, and after all, who would have thought Ice Cube could run a barber shop.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your personality is hot. Red hot. Wait...I screwed up; I was talking to Aquarius. You are actually a nice guy, but she likes a little more quicksand (wink, wink).

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You and your group of eighth grade friends are going off into the woods to start little fires and discover yourself. Nicholas Cage found himself the hard way in "Backdraft". He lost a father but gained a brother, brother. Me like. TIP: If you take liquor out of your parents' cabinet, make sure to fill up the bottle with water.

Seriously, they will never know.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Having a job shows everyone how responsible you can be. Unfortunately, that sign was not a joke. Irish really need not apply. That wasn't a horoscope but here's one: If a man crosses by you on the street holding coffee and talking about his career...envy him.

Quotations

"Life doesn't imitate art, it imitates bad television."

-Woody Allen

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."

-Brooke Shields (during an interview to become spokesperson for an anti-smoking campaign).

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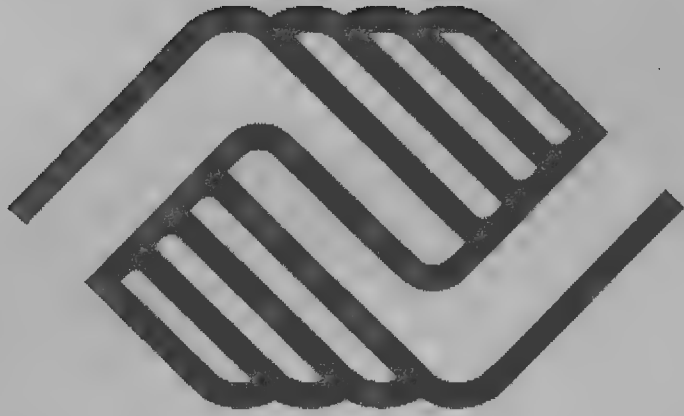
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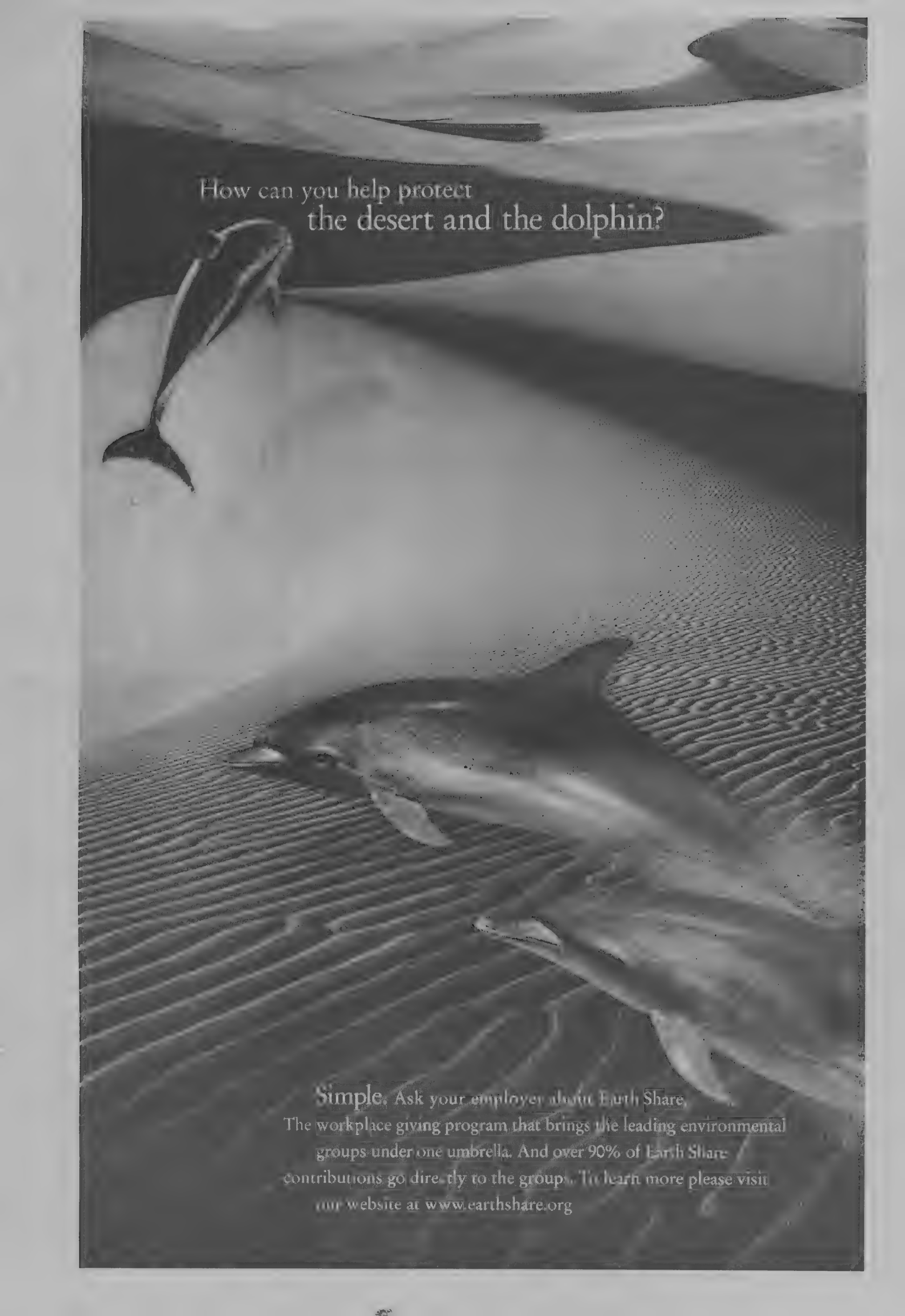


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Talking Sports and Sipping Beers



Baseball Wrap-Up

Casey: The end of the baseball season is coming, and playoffs are looming close. However, am I the only person who thinks that maybe the players should have gone on strike? I mean, football has, to me, totally eclipsed baseball. Does anybody else feel a tremendous sense of apathy going into the playoffs?

Foley: That's just because your Mets have become the worst team in baseball and the only thing about them in the news is Mike Piazza taking some bong hits with his new friends Elton John and Nathan Lane. This year's playoffs will be as exciting as every with the new blood of the Angels and Twins. Plus it looks like Barry Bonds will have another shot to go 0-fer in the playoffs. There is a lot to look forward to this postseason.

C: Like what? Once again we get to see the Yankees and Braves move forward with their leagues of bandwagon fans deep into the playoffs. I mean, is there anything more predictable in this world than the Yankees and Braves making it year after year into their respective league championship games?

F: Yes, the Yankees will probably make it to the ALCS again, and

Once again we get to see the Yankees and Braves move forward with their leagues of bandwagon fans deep into the playoffs.

maybe that is not a good thing for baseball. But the Braves are going to have some trouble making it to theirs. You have the defending champions, this year's Cinderella team in the Cardinals, and the Giants who have possibly the best player to ever play the game in Bonds. Good luck to the Braves this year.

C: Well, not really, since the Braves are sponsored by the anti-Christ. But yes, it is bad for baseball that the Yankees are going to, once again, play in the ALCS. Although, can you imagine what would happen if they lost in the first round of the playoffs to Anaheim? Chaos, utter chaos. Joe Torre would cry like a girl, Clemens would finally drink that Slim-Fast shake, and Boston would have a huge kegger. Beautiful, just beautiful...

F: First off, Torre is so old I don't think he'd realize if he won or lost. Is he still alive? As for Boston, it is quite sad that they spent so much money on their team and now will have to sit home rooting for any team other than the Yankees. This year's playoffs should be an exciting one and as for my prediction, the Yankees will once again become World Champions winning in six games over the St. Louis Cardinals.

C: I'm picking Oakland, with their 30 million pay roll, to sweep Giambi and the Yankees in the ALCS. Unfortunately, they will lose in the Series, as Arizona will repeat. On the upside Steinbrenner will probably have Bonds playing in the Yankee outfield next season, so you got that going for you.

F: Keep dreaming son, maybe someday the Red Sox will actually win a championship too!

Trzaskos Ahead of His Game



Senior Kyle Trzaskos is one of the golf team's most consistent and calm player son the course at any given time.

By Scott Woodruff
Cynic Sports Editor

"I would say that my golf game is 100% mental." Explained UVM Senior Golf team member Kyle Trzaskos.

He said this after hitting a shot into the water hazard at the fourth hole of Burlington Country Club. He finished the hole and walked to the next tee box talking to this reporter and joking with his foursome.

His next tee shot on the long, straight, narrow, and difficult fifth hole went into the trees which he chipped out of and then placed his next shot within three feet of the hole on a down sloping green.

The remaining players on the hole watched the shot and just shook their heads in disbelief. Kyle smiled as he put his nine-iron in his bag. "You can't let bad shots get to you, it's just a game, you know?"

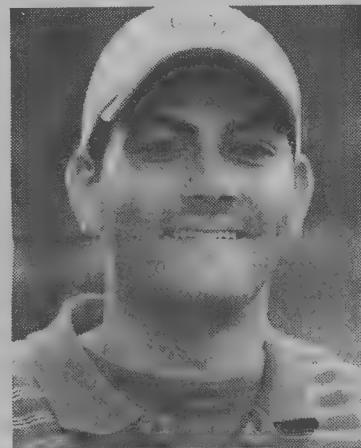
Trzaskos, hailing from Wilmington, Delaware, is one of the golf team's most consistent

shooters, according to coach Mike Gilligan.

His cool and calm demeanor on the course allows him to rebound instantly after a missed putt or bad tee shot.

This ability to keep a competitive mindset from match preparation to the time he sinks his final putt consistently puts him in a position to be on top of the leaderboard in any tournament that he enters.

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Eagles Soar Past Cats, 2-0

Kim French and Bronwen Kelly each scored a goal as the Boston College field hockey team defeated Vermont Saturday, 2-0, at Alumni Stadium.

Boston College, 6-2 overall, used French's first-half goal at 9:09 and Kelly's second-half tally at 18:49 to pick up the win. The Eagles out-shot the Catamounts, 15-5, in the game, and owned a 16-4 advantage in penalty corners.

FIELD HOCKEY

Vermont's Holly Colberg had seven saves for Coach Nicki Houghton's team, while Lauren Hill had two saves. Spaulding High School graduate Christy Zider, a senior at BC, started the game for the Eagles.

Shawn Carney had two shots for the Catamounts.

-Sports Info.

Women Fall to Skidmore in Home Opener

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The University of Vermont opened its fall dual match season at home losing a tight match, 4-3, to Skidmore on Saturday.

The match came down to the wire with the Thoroughbreds winning the final game in the #3 singles in three sets.

Highlighting the Catamounts effort were victories by #1 Molly Moran and #2 Laurabeth Halter in singles play, and the duos of Halter/Alie Taylor and Moran/Susannah O'Brien with victories in doubles play.

The Catamounts next play at home against Siena on September

24th.

Final Score: Skidmore 4, Vermont 3

Singles

1. Molly Moran (UVM) def. Dawn Penniston (Skidmore) 6-2, 6-4.

2. Laurabeth Halter (UVM) def. Karlene Kunigiel (Skidmore) default.

3. Gabby Rosenthal (Skidmore) def. Susannah O'Brien (UVM) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

4. Christine Gale (Skidmore) def. Maika Foukal (UVM) 6-3, 6-1.

5. Heather Fuleihan (Skidmore) def. Sarah Taylor (UVM) 6-0, 6-0.

6. Whitney Dolan (Skidmore) def. Alie Taylor (UVM) 6-3, 6-3.

-Sports Info.

Men Drop a Pair in Dayton; 3-2, 2-0

MEN'S SOCCER

Backed by a pair of late goals, Elon came from behind to top Vermont, 3-2, in the second day of the Dayton Marriott Flyer Classic on Sunday afternoon.

The Catamounts led 2-1 before the Phoenix tallied twice in the final 13 minutes to earn their third win of the season. Keli Helgason scored two goals for Vermont (4-4-0), which had scored just five times in their previous seven games.

UVM had two goals in a game for only the second time this year but they squandered an opportunity to better their win total of last season when they went 4-9-3.

After a scoreless first half, Elon's Tim Sullivan (two goals, one assist) opened the scoring in the 47th minute finishing a cross from Brandon Hayes.

Seven minutes later, Cats' forward Tony Anderson was hauled down in the goal crease and on the ensuing penalty kick, Helgason tied the game with his first goal of the year.

It was Vermont's first penalty

kick conversion in 34 games dating back to the 2000 season.

In the 61st minute, Anderson was fouled again, this time just beyond the penalty area. Helgason gave Vermont the lead as his rocket free kick from 30 yards out just eluded a diving Adam Guy (one save).

But the Phoenix (3-4-1) bounced back to tie the match in the 78th minute as Stephen Hocking came down the left side and his cross found Sullivan for a goalmouth one-timer.

Just 58 seconds later they took the lead as Sullivan slipped down the sideline, cut toward the goal and fed Paul Bellacqua in front for the game-winner.

Twice in the waning moments UVM's Mike Samer was denied the equalizer as he hit the goal post with one minute to go and then pushed one behind Guy but just after the final whistle had sounded.

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Photo Courtesy of UVM Rugby

Members of last year's ruby team square off in a scrum.

Club Rugby Shuts-Out Keene by 75

The UVM Men's Rugby team went into Saturday's match against Keene State looking to make a statement. The question at hand wasn't whether or not they would beat Keene, but in what fashion they would do so.

After an hour and twenty minutes of carnage and mayhem, a clear-cut and authoritative statement was made as UVM handed Keene a demoralizing 75-0 loss.

Tries were scored by Colin Macdonald, Paul Pastorini, Patrick Cassidy, Owen Carpenter, John Grempe, Jack Haverty, Justin Moreland, Sam Taber, Mike Coughlin, and Justin Hopper.

The most impressive aspect of the game, however, was the solid defense and tackling led by junior Jeff Boyer.

Captain and President of the team Matt Budelman described the shape of the team as "the most solid we've looked in the four years I've played here."

Coach Declan Connolly seemed pleased, but not content

after the game, telling the team that they still had to work on several aspects of the game.

"Good start to the season, guys," said Connolly in the post-game talk to his team. "All in all, it was a good performance, but we still have to work on maintaining possession when going into the tackle and cut down on penalties."

The main thing on coach Connolly's and all the players' minds is the match coming up on Saturday against their rival Williams College.

With a win against Williams, UVM would be in great shape to make the playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

"[The game against Williams is the] the game which could make or break our season," said co-captain Dean Jewett.

UVM goes into Saturday's game with confidence and experience, having won two pre-season scrimmages before the season opener against Keene State.

-Contributed by Jack Haverty

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The Gem

On Saturday, students had the chance to drive the new Chrysler Gem. The car runs on only six batteries, reaches 25 mph and costs a little over \$0.01 per mile. Seventeen thousand have been made to date and they cost \$7,000.00-\$9,000.00. Doors are optional.

Kristin Rigney/VC Staff

Faculty Union Fights For Better Wages

UVM Professors Second-Lowest Paid in Nation

By NICK RAHAIM

There is bad blood between the administration and the faculty at UVM.

"The administration would rather pay lawyers than faculty," said Professor of Political Science Garrison Nelson.

The United Academics, the faculty union that was established in April of 2001, is concerned by the data on the salaries of the faculty.

An Oklahoma State University Salary Survey of 87 public universities placed UVM at second to last, ahead of only the University of North Dakota.

Over the past seven years UVM administration spending has increased 58 percent while instruction spending has increased 28 percent.

Over the past ten years, faculty salaries have risen 15 to 17 percent while the university's attorneys' salaries have risen 62 percent, the provost's salary has risen 42 percent, and the average salary of a dean has risen 41 percent.

The UA believes the university can afford their salary proposal, which is around \$2 million above the administration's current proposal.

They believe this in part due to an analysis of UVM's financial records of the past seven years conducted by Wright State econo-

'The administration would rather pay lawyers than faculty.'

-Garrison Nelson
Prof. Political Science

mist Rudy Fitchenbaum.

The analysis shows that UVM has consistently posted a budget surplus; in 2000-2001 the university netted \$24.1 million dollars.

The UA believes that "UVM can not afford to continue short-changing the professional status of its faculty."

The UVM ranking for "faculty resources" in US News and World Report listing of top schools has fallen from 51st to 117th.

Many departments are having trouble filling faculty job openings simply because the offered salary is so far below the market average.

"They had to reopen a number of (job) searches because everyone they offered the job to was taking a job elsewhere because it paid so much more," said Peter Spitzform, a Collection Development Librarian and the Chair of Delegates Assembly of the UA.

"They couldn't afford to take the positions at UVM," said Spitzform. He referred specifically to this problem in regard to the History department.

The UA says the faculty members are committed to the university, and most would rather stay and fight their position than leave and find a higher paying job elsewhere.

Although Nelson, a member of the UA, has a different view; he said many professors are looking elsewhere to make at least the market average.

Spitzform said, "The administration talks about a commitment to excellence, but when you have very concrete data showing that the best people you are offering positions to and those you want to retain are leaving or unable to come here because the money isn't enough, how can you maintain quality?"

United Academics has been bargaining with UVM's administration since December 2001.

Although the UA and the administration have settled many issues, on Sept. 5 both sides agreed to declare impasse.

Ira Lobell of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is now in communication with both sides.

Linda Backus the Acting President of the UA and a Research Assistant Professor in Education said of Lobell, "I think we have one of the best mediators in the country. Ira Lobell has been doing this for 30 years and has a great reputation."

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UVM Welcomes Back Alumni and Parents For Homecoming

By DEBORAH PRESS

Friday marks the beginning of this year's Homecoming and Family Weekend, a three day event packed with special activities for students and visiting parents and alumni.

This weekend promises to give new students and their parents the chance to familiarize themselves with the different opportunities available at UVM through a schedule bursting with musical, academic, athletic, and philanthropic events.

For those visitors desiring intellectual stimulation this weekend, beginning Friday morning, all classes will be open to parents and alumni who wish to sit in.

Freshmen Stephen DiStasi said, "I don't think my parents will come to Calculus. They'll probably go out to breakfast without me."

Additionally, each college within the university will be offer-

'I don't think my parents will come to Calculus. They'll probably go out to breakfast without me.'

-Stephen DiStasi
First-year

ing informational open houses in their department buildings on Saturday, including a special exhibition at the College of Agriculture and Life Science's Spear Street farm, complete with tours and displays open to everyone.

One of the weekend's most anticipated events is the George V. Kidder Homecoming Lecture, to be given Saturday morning by Thomas Hudspeth on the subject "Sustainability in Action in Vermont and the Americas."

An associate professor in the School of Natural Resources,

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Victory at Centennial

Ryan Corry blocks a shot in the Cats' 2-0 win against Stony Brook. For more information see Sports.

Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Fall Sorority Rush Kicks Off on Campus

By TRACY SCHAWYER

With all the diversity in student activities at UVM, is joining a sorority still an attractive option for female students?

At the conclusion of Sorority rush week this fall, 45 female students received a bid from one of the five sororities at UVM, so it seems that some women are still choosing to go Greek.

To most people around campus, this sounds like a very small number of women who are choosing to join sororities.

On a campus of over 7,000

students, UVM Greek life is relatively small.

But some choose to partake in Greek Life here at UVM.

The beginning of that journey starts at rush.

Sorority rush week consists of four parties that happen over a week's time.

This year two of these parties were held on campus, and two were held at the individual chapter houses.

During the first two nights, the rushees visit all of the

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Here's A Straw, Suck It Up

The impression of UVM students is not good for many Burlington residents, and recently, it's gotten worse.

Thanks to the recent antics of some SGA senators, the town has another reason to glare up the hill.

This new battle started when the SGA disapproved of the University implementing tougher, more consistent policies with the town over the summer, claiming student input should have been included.

Fuel was added to the fire when a SGA senator claimed he was being targeted when he was sent to detox one weekend night.

This individual then cried to the press, and the press fired back with the reporting, which made its way to a national level.

The SGA is now up in arms with the way the press handled the situation, and also the persistency of the administration to not back down on its decision.

Stop whining.

Always remember the saying, "Don't pick a fight with the person who buys ink by the barrel."

What was said was said, and one can't complain when they read their words in black and white.

There is a responsibility when one assumes the role of a student leader, whether or not one chooses to embrace it.

People look to all student leaders to be mature adults, and that hasn't been the case around UVM lately.

It's bad enough when the town and press calls the general population of UVM noisy and immature, it's even worse when they point to the finger to the student lead-

ers, calling them "kids."

Some believe the crusade these senators have been on is to build sympathy from the students and make it an "us vs. them" type of situation. Try again.

And this isn't going to get you any more votes come election time.

The University is attempting to build back its reputation back up from the party-school image.

One way to do so is to cut down on the obnoxiousness of students' behavior, and to have consequences for it.

There are many ways to have a good time on the weekend and not be dumb about it. Most of the University does so.

It's just when a few bad apples ruin the whole bunch, that the whole barrel is labeled "rotten."

The SGA is supposed to be the outlet in which students can have their voices be heard. It's supposed to be the place where the administration goes to work with students to get things done.

How is that supposed to occur when the SGA is at odds with the administration and the town?

It's time for the SGA to stop worrying about themselves and start being concerned with the student body.

Doesn't anyone see the problem with students being so drunk that they can't walk straight?

Use your energy and power to make a difference, not just to whine.

You're right; it isn't a crime to be a student. But it's a crime to be irresponsible.

Grow up.

A's & F's

A's

To the attendance at the After Oil conference at Gutterson this past weekend. It was great to see everyone out there learning about how to conserve and make the automobile industry a more efficient one!

To all of the great events planned this year for Homecoming weekend. Hopefully these things planned, including the Homecoming parade and festival downtown, will bring some more school spirit to UVM.

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To the University signing a contract with Coca-Cola. Mad River is nothing compared to our Nantucket Nectars! What ever happened to choice?

To the University administration for not including students' opinions in the plans with downtown, made this summer when students were home. These agreements directly affect us, so why shouldn't we be included?

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SGA Responds To City/UVM Agreement

To the Editor:

The Student Government Association applauds the city of Burlington and the University of Vermont for its efforts on increasing town gown relations.

The relationship between the City of Burlington and the University of Vermont is symbiotic.

Over the summer the University and the City passed nine initiatives that would help increase the Quality of Life in Burlington.

The Student Government Association stands behind the City and the University with all nine initiatives, but requests that students be present for understanding the logistics of how the nine initiatives would work.

We have reached the implementation stage of the nine initiatives and as such the SGA has passed a resolution requesting that students be involved in the logistical and implemental piece of these ini-

tiatives.

Student input is needed to ensure that we have a strong foundation and working environment for these initiatives.

The students of the University of Vermont take pride in their University and in their City.

They provide countless hours of community service for the community like peer mentoring and the Food Salvage program.

The students are a strong benefit both culturally and economically to the City and University.

The Student Government Association sees the positive impact that students have on the City, yet understand that there may be a negative aspect to it.

For that reason, the Student Government Association is determined to help increase the quality of life and increase relations, but to do that, the students need to have input.

Parking Problem Not the Issue

To the Editor:

In response to the question "How do you feel about the parking situation" in the cynic Sept. 17, I have to say I was appalled at the student responses.

First of all, as a freshman, why do you even need a car when you can walk to classes?

Not one of the students seems concerned about the issue of pollution from car emissions, not to mention where the garages/parking spaces would go and how much green space would be lost to move concrete.

As a local resident, the idea of more parking/convenience for transient people does not excite me. And I won't ever go

into the idea that many locals are struggling to find and/or maintain affordable housing.

We are the wealthiest country in the world, yet we are always demanding more and appear quite content to deplete the world's resources.

Reading those responses reminded me how embarrassing it is to be an American. What are those students doing to help the state of the world? Where are they giving instead of taking and wanting more?

Isn't it time we implement solutions that help the greater community instead of furthering our petty desires?

-Darragh Lambert
Burlington

Gay Culture Isn't What You Think

To the Editor

When you hear the term "gay bar," what comes to mind?

Guys in skintight clothes, a room bombarded with flashing lights and clubbers dancing to the sounds of the latest techno or a camped-out drag queen performing classic disco tunes via karaoke?

Or perhaps the other extreme: a small, intimate hole-in-the-wall smelling of cigarettes, with all focus centered around a feminist slam poet blasting social conventions on stage?

Stereotypes, you say, but look at the calendars of even Burlington's local gay community and you will find these very stereotypes are based off of commonly occurring events.

That being said, I have another question for you: what about homosexuals such as myself who would rather not be part of that scene?

Am I, as a gay man who would rather dance to the Yonder Mountain String Band or to Deep Banana Blackout at Higher Ground than to any prefabricated electronica, supposed to accept that meeting someone will be through pure luck?

It is my stance that this situation is a contributing factor to the disenfranchise-

ment of gay youth from the community at large, encouraging people to stay in the closet simply because the scene they wish to be part of has no visible gay members.

The solution, in my eyes, is for those of us who are not comfortable with the image of gay subculture as it has stood since the late seventies, to take action in order to expand the community into other branches of American subculture.

I do not propose rejecting the gay community at large, but rather, inciting a revolution against what the general populous thinks when they hear the words "gay culture."

In addition to these words of encouragement to my fellow homosexuals, I encourage the rest of the UVM family to give support to those who are trying to create a place where members of future classes, perhaps even future generations, can feel like they belong to a community.

After all, the actions we are willing to take for our friends do not testify to our character, but rather, our character is confirmed by those actions which we are willing to undertake for friends we have yet to meet.

-William Huling
Class of 2005

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Oppression: Absolute Fact, Widespread Opinion

Although from two weeks ago, I am writing in response to Russel Henderson's racist rant entitled "Come on, People Now, Everybody Get Together."

Henderson seeks to undermine any sort of diversity, however minimal, won at the University. He feels that minorities or disadvantaged groups should not receive any further benefits. He feels acknowledging disadvantaged groups is somehow 'divisive' to equality.

But what Henderson cloaks in the ideas of equality is the ugly truth: that racism and intolerance do indeed exist. They are institutionalized in the system and are the foundation of modern capitalism in the United States. And in the guise of "colorblindness" Henderson seeks to preserve his privilege as a member of the ruling class; the class that benefits off of racism.

The author ignores the fact that Blacks are six times as likely to be murdered, that one in four blacks are victims of the criminal injustice system, that a black baby is twice as likely to die as a white; that the median income for black family is about half of a median income of a white family. Or the fact that unemployment is twice as high for blacks as it is whites.

He ignores the fact that there is and continues to be racist scapegoating for those of Arab descent or of the Muslim religion. (Need I mention the 1,200 Arab immigrants detained without reason, and held without attorney or rights over the past year?).

He ignores the criminal injustice system, which targets the poor and often people of color. Nine out of thirteen death row inmates are black, even

Henderson seeks to undermine any sort of diversity, however minimal, won at the University.

though they make up only 13% of the population! Or we could speak of the corporations profiting off of such racism, like Sodexo—a food service corporation that is here on campus using students and prisoners alike as commodities. A recent study found that black men are more likely to go to prison than to college!

I could go on to the racist policies of immigration historically (Anti-Irish, Yellow Peril, etc.) or today against Latino workers. Or the homophobic laws against homosexual marriage, the Abner Louima case or the fact that women still make less to a man's dollar.

I am always on the side of the oppressed, and I believe that racism, sexism, forms of discrimination can be successfully thrown out of our society—not by individual "purgings" but by a complete change of the economic base. Capitalism feeds off of racism—an unalienable part of dividing workers, driving down wages and keeping the working class oppressed and exploited.

Yes, the world should be colorblind. But it cannot with racism as an essential part of class society. To attack affirmative action, required courses and some effort at diversity (which were won only through mass struggle) is to turn back the clock. And in the end the only people who profit by it are those who seek to continue such exploitation.

Kathleen Brown is a member of the Class of 2005.

Out With It: Closeted Agenda

Coming Out Week is, in principle, a fine idea. People should take pride in themselves and their physical and emotional security should be reinforced, the former through police protection and the latter through the cultivation of an open and tolerant campus climate. Personal morality be damned; people who consider themselves homosexual should fear neither violence nor intimidation. If that was all this week was about, I would have no issue with it.

Unfortunately, this is not merely about tolerance. Coming Out Week is about advancing a social agenda. It is about emphasizing one value system to the detriment of another. Take heterosexism, or at least the Center for Cultural Pluralism's definition of it: the belief that 'heterosexuality is the only natural and proper sexual behavior.' If Coming Out Week and its organizers seek to purge heterosexism, they should look to the hundred million churchgoers. Many (though by no means all) Christians believe that the Bible instructs that homosexuality is sinful. Yet to accuse pious Christians, some of the most kind-hearted and generous people, of bigotry, is nonsense. At UVM, nobody cares what you say so long as you don't break the liberal orthodoxy. Launch assaults on the 'patriarchy' or the 'dominant culture' or argue that gender is a social construct and professors and students alike will clap you on the back. But if you dare to express Christian values, much less conservative ones, you're likely to get a different response. If you get labeled a reactionary, you're not trying hard enough. If it is to fulfill its mission of turning out intelligent, rounded scholars, the University needs to break the moral hegemony that leftism exerts over its offices and its sanctioned events, foremost among

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these Coming Out Week. Few businesses seek employees whose relevant experience is in advancing the cause of the intergendered or fighting to abolish whiteness. They want people who can appreciate the merits of varying worldviews, a rounded perspective hardly offered by contrasting Noam Chomsky and Noel Ignatiev or, for that matter, by debating the strengths of George Will and Jonah Goldberg. To prepare for a world in which showering is actively encouraged and the editorial page of the Socialist Worker does not constitute a 'talking point,' students need to understand who thinks what and why.

A conservative outlook is not a worldview narrowed by the eye-slits of a white hood. To dismiss

right-leaning arguments as such is to miss the opportunity to question your own beliefs and moral standards. In the spirit of Coming Out Week, which insists we examine our ideas and preconceptions about homosexuality, let us give due respect and credence to all viewpoints on the subject. Disagree, but do so thoughtfully, not through angry torrents of Ivory Tower adjectives incomprehensible to the world outside Allen House. Liberalism and conservatism are diametrically opposed, but the constant chafing between the two affords the opportunity to strengthen their opinions and their ability to defend them. Until the University recognizes this, the leftist slant embodied in Coming Out Week will work to the detriment of all.

Russel Henderson is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.



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Suffrage and Suffering: Reality Bites

Recognition of the multitude of privileges that many of us enjoy to one degree or another, be it for race, sex, socio-economic status, or other privilege-granting positions is extremely important. It is perhaps most important for the most privileged in a community because those fortunate few have the greatest opportunity to create and maintain justice. That's right, white folks; I'm talking to you. At the end of the day, there can be no "equal opportunity," no end to "explicit bigotry," no true "unity in a country that unites 300 million people under one banner" without the recognition and acceptance of privilege among the "majority." In other words, no justice-even for the poor "Italians, Irishmen and Poles."

For Henderson, UVM's "approach" to diversity is dismissed as "utter nonsense." Henderson "lumps together" many widely varied organizations and individuals, whom, I believe, would define themselves as being involved with diversity on and off campus. I could not list all but I will defend the folks I know best, the ALANA (or Blundell) House on Redstone Campus and by association, my friends and colleagues of color in our community.

Henderson names "ALANA" (along with "GLBTQA") as one of the most "visible" and "influential" organizations on campus. If there were only one group called ALANA, perhaps he would be right. ALANA refers to Asian, Latino/Latina, African and Native American peoples, and there are, under that banner, the ALANA House as well as several suites of students in Living/Learning. Perhaps they didn't appear during the intensive research for his column.

I am sure most students of color would agree that it would be great if ALANA, either the organization or the people, were more visible. Perhaps more visible in the white student community and the predominantly white administration would be best. Then many UVM students, like Henderson and other disadvantaged white males, might glimpse at what white life is

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like as a person of color on campus. I am not claiming this as my experience or claiming to speak for all the indistinguishable "victims" he exhorts to "cast off the chains of the oppressed mentality." From what others have told me and based on my own experiences, UVM is a microcosm of our society, including the unjust treatment of womyn, people of color and other underrepresented folks.

What infuriates me about Henderson's column is his (apparently) complete lack of empathy/sympathy for anyone other than heterosexual, white males. Oppressed by "multicultural education" and that great evil, The Center for Cultural Pluralism, they endure such hardships as a one-credit "Race Relations" course. Shudder. His antipathy may come from a professed concern for the dangers of "Ivory Tower crusades" and an "us-them" dichotomy that blurs distinctions between "victim" and "perpetrator." If so, there is room for discussion. Well-intentioned or not, his words are hurtful to many who suffer injustices like racism and misogyny daily.

Two phrases in his column are the most telling of Henderson's dismissal of others. His reference to "so-called disadvantaged groups" is one. Henderson has the luxury, in racial terms, of relaxing in his White Tower-every day. Racism defies easy definition. It can be a single word changed out of fear. It can be the subtle disapproval of your friends for "dating outside your race." To deny that some people are disadvantaged simply based on their race, religion or sexual preference is to deny reality.

Charlie Hoag is a guest columnist and member of the Class of 2003.

Acceptance: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Can someone please help to answer a question for me? It's really been bugging me. Is Matthew Shepard going to hell?

I mean, he was gay, right? And a significantly large group of people are of the opinion that if you "lay with a man as you lay with a woman" then your soul goes straight to hell. No pun intended.

Here's the thing that gets me, though; martyrdom must have a statute of limitations because the first time this same, rigid group of people encountered an individual who was beaten, tortured and left for dead on a wooden structure simply because his beliefs were different from those in the majority, he was raised to the status of savior...I'm not a violent man, nor am I a particularly angry one in general. But I am sick and tired of having to justify the concept of gay pride to everyone and his mother. But what then happens if a people do tire of justifying themselves, and then simply go quietly into the night?

I've pretty much heard it all. I know what it's like to be called "Fag!" I know what it's like to have the validity of my lifestyle questioned. And moreover, I know more than anything (and this really gets me) what it is like to be asked "Why have a day to be open about it?" What I am referring to is National Coming Out Week (NCOW), which is centered around Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. NCOW is a kind of a celebration, similar to Pride festivals, but centered

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around coming out of the closet. That is to say, it is a validation of a person's choice to be open about his/her sexuality.

People seem to quite frequently have a problem with this. National Coming Out Day is paralleled by the National Day of Silence on April 10. The National Day of Silence is a day on which many remain silent to represent all those who cannot, or simply fear, to come out of the closet to their work, friends or even family. I helped to organize the National Day of Silence at my high school this past year. The reactions I frequently received were none too friendly, and seemed to follow the pattern of, "Well, why don't we (the heterosexual students) have a straight pride day?"

This angered me at first, but it happened so often that I simply got tired of having to justify OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. I don't care if the unenlightened masses of the world hold an "intentionally marginalized white heterosexual male" pride day. I really don't care if they march down Fifth Avenue with Jesse Helms at the front line. But when you get to the end of Fifth Avenue and wind up in the Village, I'd like to see how your platform holds up then.

Throw a straight pride day

for all I care, just don't say that we, the gay community, are flaunting ourselves, or that we're making too big a deal over it. And worst of all, don't say that we're just doing it for the attention. That's simply not correct. I'll tell you why-because Pride is an inherent aspect of the queer identity, an archetype of the community, if you will. Why do we have Pride? It's not as if we were bored and needed something to do.

We celebrate Pride because it represents our right to live openly and freely, our right to exist without fear of discrimination, prejudice or hatred. And though those aspects of society remain, we live our lives the way we want, without fear of that persecution. We celebrate our freedom and our right to express ourselves without fear of being beaten unconscious and left to die on a fence because we were seen kissing or holding hands in public.

Maybe I'm just a revolutionary who missed his era by a century or so. But I don't see anyone proclaiming that we ought to have a white supremacist history month. What this comes down to is a people, and their God given right to live openly and express themselves freely. NCOW (National Coming Out Week), though disapproved of by some, is simply an extension of that will to express our freedom from hate, bigotry and intolerance.

Daniel Osach is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2006.

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Ed Moy, 2006

Right: "I think it's pretty cool that they have a vegan selection".

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Travis Tucker, Visiting a
Friend on Campus

No Issues Have Been Settled In Negotiations with the Faculty

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Ira Lobell has been doing this for 30 years and has a great reputation."

Sept. 11 was the first scheduled negotiation between both sides with a mediator.

No issues were settled, but the two sides had a chance to discuss the parts of the contract in to they are furthest apart.

The next scheduled negotiation is on Oct. 8, due to the unavailability of the elusive Nick DiGiovanni, a Boston-based lawyer who is the administration's chief negotiator.

Another issue that will be discussed in the negotiations is the tenure vs. non-tenure faculty.

Many of the administration proposals for increasing faculty salaries only include those faculty members who have tenure.

At UVM, 37 percent of the faculty are not on tenure while the national average is 15 percent.

Eighty-six percent of the non-tenure faculty work as temporary employees with only one year contracts even though the average term of service is ten years.

These non-tenure faculty

'I am very optimistic that we're going to reach some very satisfactory resolutions.'

-John Bramley
Interim Provost

members include researchers and lecturers; many have Ph.Ds in their fields and make in the high \$20,000s to the low \$30,000s.

Under UVM policy these faculty members will never have the opportunity to become tenured faculty members while keeping their job title of a researcher or a lecturer.

"I am very optimistic that we're going to reach some very satisfactory resolutions," said Interim Provost A. John Bramley.

Working on the administration's side, UVM has the lowest state appropriation of any public university in the nation, with only 10 percent of the total revenue coming from Vermont.

Bramley said, "We're trying to run a research university in a state with 600,000 people, and that is a challenge."

UVM Sororities Keep Their Doors Open For New Sisters

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chapters, and on the following night the girls narrow their choices down by visiting three chapters and finally two chapters.

It is not too late to get involved with Greek Life, especially sororities, this fall.

"Girls still have time to rush sororities. A good way to find out how is to check out the posters hung up around campus," said Sarah Langlois, President of the Panhellenic Council, the governing board of all of the sororities on campus.

There is more to sorority life at UVM besides the traditional ideas of partying.

"Greek life is full of amazing leaders who are out there giving themselves to the community," said junior Shauna Wells, member of Delta Delta Delta and Student Government Association Vice President.

Another traditional idea, the stereotype placed on girls as being dumb, is also broken on campus.

"Three [sorority] chapters have higher average GPAs than the average of all women's GPAs at UVM," said Langlois.

One appealing aspect for girls to get involved on campus is the friendships made with the other

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sisters.

"Members of sororities cite many different reasons to join, such as making bonds that are stronger than friendship, having a group of friends you can always rely on, and having a place to call home," said Wells.

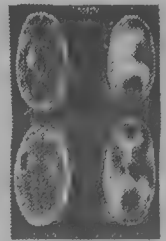
Langlois agrees. "Join to get to know more people, and joining a sorority makes UVM all that much smaller."

While many girls choose not to become parts of sororities on campus, many see the value of their presence.

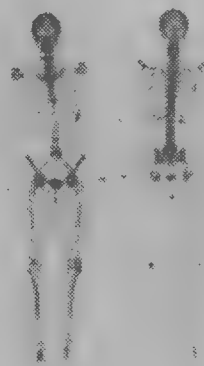
"Other people enjoy them and they are a way for others to feel more involved," said sophomore Becca Cutkomp.



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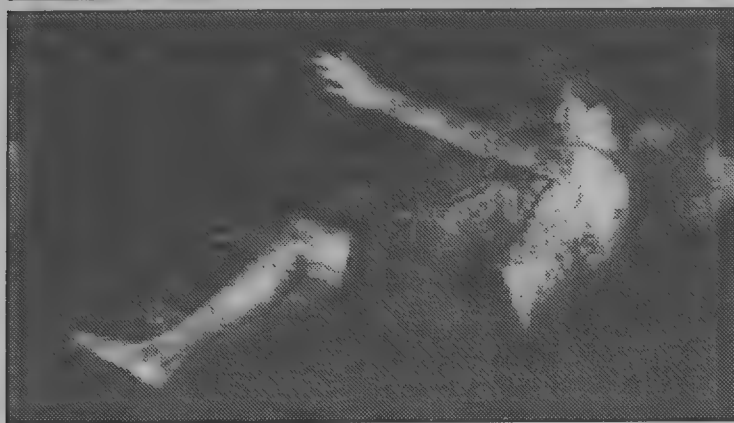
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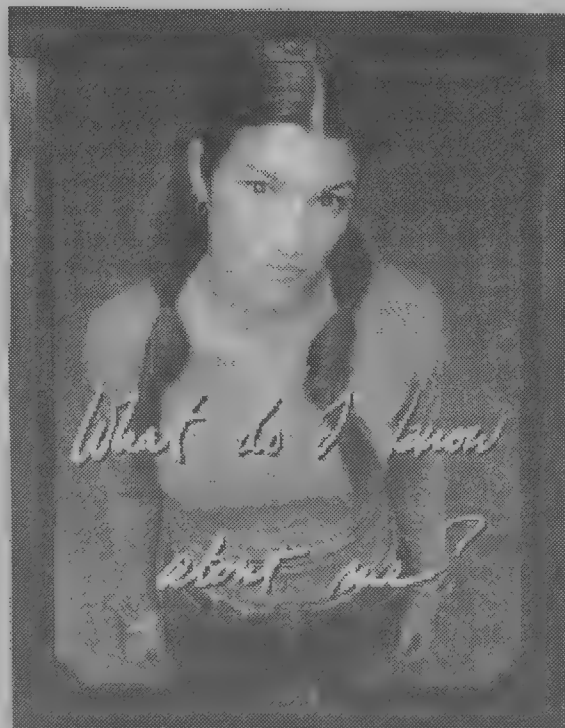
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Homecoming To Offer Variety Of Events

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Hudspeth is this year's winner of the George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award, the campus' highest teaching honor.

"My family and I will be going to the sustainability lecture. It pertains to my major and my parents are interested in environmental issues so we should all get a lot out of it," said Eric Merberg, first-year and environmental studies major.

For visitors who prefer to get outdoors and enjoy Vermont's autumn weather, Homecoming weekend provides a number of opportunities to do so, including the fourth annual UVM Fall Foliage Golf Classic at the Vermont National Country Club, as well as cruises of Lake Champlain offered daily.

Several athletic events will also take place this weekend, such as UVM women's soccer versus Marist, Saturday morning on Centennial Field, and UVM Hockey versus Northeastern Saturday night.

The Outing Club will get

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-Eric Merberg
 First-year

people outside with their annual Homecoming Hike for Hunger, where parents and students take a group hike of either Mount Hunger or Bolton Mountain.

Many other school clubs and teams will be taking advantage of alumni and parental generosity this weekend by sponsoring philanthropic events.

The UVM women's lacrosse team will hold a fall fashion show, and a 5K Walk/Run Saturday morning will benefit the Kevin Roberson Scholarship Fund.

There will also be a host of cultural events, including several productions of Dancing at Lughnasa at the Royall Tyler Theater and musical events like

the Department of Music's Homecoming Concert, featuring UVM's orchestra, concert and jazz bands, and concert choir.

"We've been practicing for weeks now. It should be great. The band is good, the music is fun, and the audience should really enjoy it," said sophomore Zach Holz, a percussionist in the concert band.

For those who just want to celebrate their UVM spirit this weekend, there is the annual Homecoming Float Parade down College Street. The parade ends at Homecoming Fest, a carnival on Church Street with activities hosted by UVM student groups.

Despite the abundance of events planned, student interest in some Homecoming events seems somewhat limited.

"I've never even seen the float parade - it's mostly for alumni. I might go down to Church Street, but that's it," said junior Toby McGovern.

But for those who wish to partake, Homecoming weekend offers a wealth of opportunities in all areas of interest.

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Ranting And Raving

I'm sorry but when did the Spanish Inquisition reemerge? I think who ever wrote the follow up rant needs to chill a bit, but you already know that. Anyway, I was just trying to say that some of the issues that have been current in the paper and over campus news have been a bit weak.

Of course the police are cracking down and the administration is trying to tighten the chains on us. This is only because we, our generation, are continually changing our ideas and ideals while the administration and police are continually trying to tight-cast us and make us something we can't entirely be.

It was only a few generations ago that true artists and musicians were the cornerstones of what it was to be an American, or even simpler, by representing what it was like to live and grow in an era of change simply by showing and establishing the highs and lows. Benchmark figures such as James Dean, Bob Dylan, and Hendrix changed the way people looked at themselves and each other.

Today we are left with reality tv because we are too lazy to explore what the world has to offer, what life really means beyond commercially made bands, and arranged marriages all spawning from the "MTV generation" and all its connotations.

To live a life outside the movie stereotyped life, I may have some answers and propositions for the conflicts brought up in the paper. But the truth of it is, most of the stuff is beyond the control of me or any of the students here at UVM. So the point remains the same: why concern ourselves with such trivial issues when we should catch up with a little work here and there, catch up with friends, support each other as fellow students, and relax and chill (or ill, whatever).

And furthermore, I think if you do ask the bulk of the student body what they really think, you'll soon find they have similar views. "The answer is blowin' in the wind" -Dylan

So sit back and chill.

I never thought the author of this latest rant would resort to cheap personal attacks, e.g. "I think who ever wrote the follow up rant needs to chill a bit..." By the way, what is "tight casting?" Answer: More evidence of this author's genetic inferiority. In all fairness I didn't read most of this latest rant past the personal attack(s).

I refuse to make this rant column a forum for put-downs and insults; I will not sink to the level of this author. I thought I gave a piece of valuable advice in my last response (take a nap), but it would seem that the author chose to rant in lieu of said advice. I guess I'm illin.'

By MEREDITH SUNIEWICK

The Fleming Museum is presenting a series of works by printmaker Bill Davison.

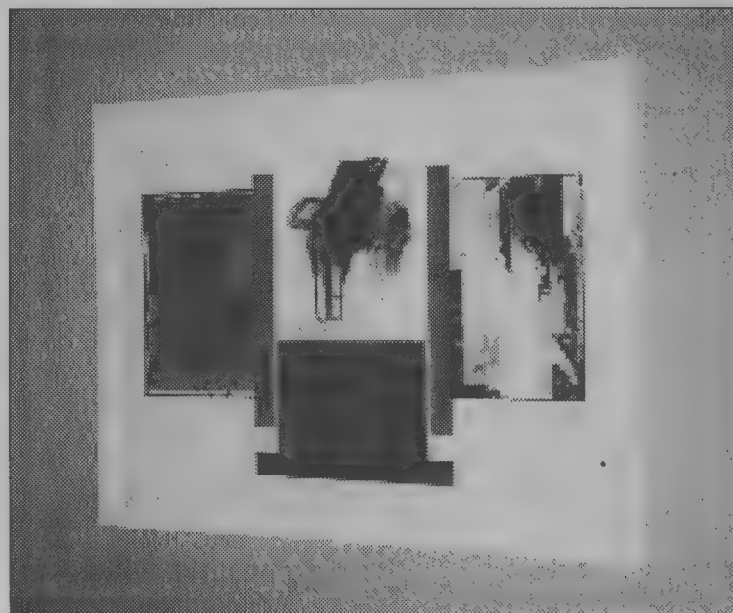
Bill Davison's printmaking is often very minimalist and deals with mathematical themes.

Davison majored in Art and English when he was in college and his favorite mediums are printmaking and painting.

His style and subject matter have greatly evolved over the years. This is evident from his gradual transition from using only black and white to using a wide range of colors in his works and also from the appearance of photographs within his art.

"I witness things that are odd, unusual, and enduring; and I transform them into my way," said Davison of his printmaking.

His most recent works use grid patterns that overlay colors on



Kristin Rigney/VC Staff

One of Davison's pieces on display at the Fleming Museum.

squares and rectangles. Another recurring theme is the appearance of ducks in a few of his pieces. This can be attributed to his love

of hunting.

The evolution of his prints parallel the evolution of technology in printmaking.

Some of Professor Davison's later works have digitally re-configured images.

Although Mr. Davison does not like to use the word "inspiration", he says that he is most influenced by light, texture, and color.

Davison's art has provoked a positive response from the public.

"I think his prints are very interesting. I really like his later work and the way he uses color," said Erica Saloman, UVM senior.

Davison's work will be shown from August 13 to December 15 in the Fleming Museum.

The exhibit, "Through The Years", features works from the beginning of his career up to the present.

The exhibit displays Mr. Davison's wide range of ability in printmaking. Davison has been teaching at UVM since 1967 and will retire in 2003.

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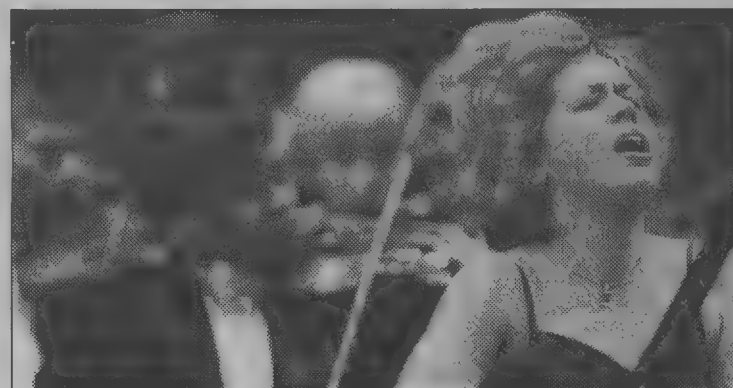


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April 20 - May 20

Four years of college has left you wading chest high in debt and stupidity. Since you want to maintain this habit, you'd better become a famous movie star. The easiest way to do this is to become friends with someone who is already famous. I would suggest a Baldwin. Probably Daniel, because William is too political, Matthew is too unknown, and Nick is just too damn dreamy! I mean...well, uh...hahaha, yeah! That was a good one!?

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Who doesn't love Canadian rock stars? Well I do! I need my Bryan Adams, Bachman Turner Overdrive, April Wine, Doug and The Slugs, The Guess Who, Loverboy, Red Rider, and Gordon Lightfoot. I need them. I'm serious. Look away!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Becoming a well rounded individual is extremely important. At least that's what our guidance counselor told us. Why not see a movie? How about that one with Eminem? Oh you don't like him? I guess you and your friends move in "exclusive social circles" and find his music offensive...well if you want we could hang out? I made some sandwiches.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Who said Jennifer Aniston was a good actress? Friends is not a good sit-com. Three's Company. Now there's a sit-com! A sit-com that still had some self respect and ambition. A sit-com that didn't need your parties, but went anyway. A sit-com that didn't need to do it everyday. Aahhh. Three's Company.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I know you're still upset with The Salt Lake City judges, but it's only figure skating, not a real sport. You should be upset that the Red Sox are now mathematically eliminated from the playoffs. What?! Ray Ramano got an Emmy for Best Actor! Well...I'm just gonna...(ran off crying).

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

It's funny when a band names itself after its fans. Bands like: Tool, and...I guess that's it. I.C.P. is a much better band anyway. What's that? Oh, they're those guys. CORRECTION: ICP is light years ahead of Tool.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

I'm pissed too. HBO's "The Gathering Storm" got *Best Made for TV Movie*. I know. They didn't even nominate a Lifetime Original. I'm so angry I could eat a chocolate cake, complain about

how I can't find the right man, and pass out in pool of self pity. Then it's back to the typing circle. Again.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

So your friend from Princeton came up this weekend.

You just tell her to keep her fast hands slow. Look, I've known her since high school, we're friends. Why don't you trust me? I only recommended "xXx" as an action movie. That's not it? Oh, okay. I guess I did cheat on you. Ha ha... (uncomfortable silence).

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CALENDAR

WHAT'S GOING ON AT UVM OCT 1-7

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. DEMONSTRATION: "Calligraphy Demonstration," JomyoTanaka International Mandala Association. John Dewey Lounge. Information: Puneeta Kala, 802-656-0231, <mailto:pkala@zoo.uvm.edu>.

12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. DISCUSSION: "Discussion of the Monastic Lifestyle in Buddhism (Shingon)," Jomyo Tanaka International Mandala Association. John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill Building. Information: Puneeta Kala, 802-656-0231, <mailto:pkala@zoo.uvm.edu>.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. LECTURE: "Moral and Ethical Response to Terrorism". An evening of exploration with guest speakers Professors Denise Youngblood and Robert Kaufman of UVM, with Fr. Joseph McLaughlin, S.S.E., of St. Michael's College acting as respondent. The Catholic Center on Redstone Campus. Information: 658-2945. Refreshments will be served. Parking is very limited around the Catholic Center but there is plenty of parking in the Gutterson Lot.

WEDNESDAY

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. SPEAKER: "Should We All Work Harder? James Buchanan's Economic Case for the Work Ethic" by James Smith, Economics Department, Economics Seminar Room 221 Old Mill. Copies of his paper are available in the Economics Department Room 239 Old Mill. Information: 802-656-3064.

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. PLAY: "Dancing at Lughnasa," Brian Friel. The UVM Theatre presents this charming tale of sisterhood set in 1930s Ireland filled with humor, spirit, and grace. Tickets \$8 to \$14. Royall Tyler stage. Information: 656-2094, <http://www.uvm.edu/theatre>.

THURSDAY

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EVENT: Deafness and Race: The Burden of Racism and Audism. Explores the similarities and differences in society's response to deafness and race in the United States. North Lounge, Billings Student Center. Information: 656-3368 <mailto:kawright@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/~aaeo/aware02.html>.

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8 p.m. to 10 p.m. COFFEEHOUSE: Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, Open Mic Night, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building. Information: 656-4200, <mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/~llcenter>.

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Please include the information on the event including a contact person.

FRIDAY

8 a.m. to 11 p.m. HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEK-END: A weekend-long series of events for parents, families, and alumni, including lectures, tours, and entertainment. Something for everyone. \$15 registration fee per family covers many of the weekend's activities; additional fees for some events. Information: 656-2010, <http://alumni.uvm.edu>

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER: Vs. Cornell. Centennial Field.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. LECTURE: "The Tainos: The Native Americans that Discovered Columbus", Bobby Gonzalez, lecturer, storyteller/poet. Gonzalez will lecture on indigenous interaction with Columbus. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: <mailto:John.Mejia@uvm.edu> 656-7882.

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SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. MEN'S TENNIS: Vs. Skidmore. Indoor tennis facility, Patrick Gym.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER: Vs. Marist. Centennial Field.

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. MEN'S TENNIS: Vs. Saint Michael's. Indoor tennis facility, Patrick Gym.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Northeastern. Gutterson Fieldhouse.

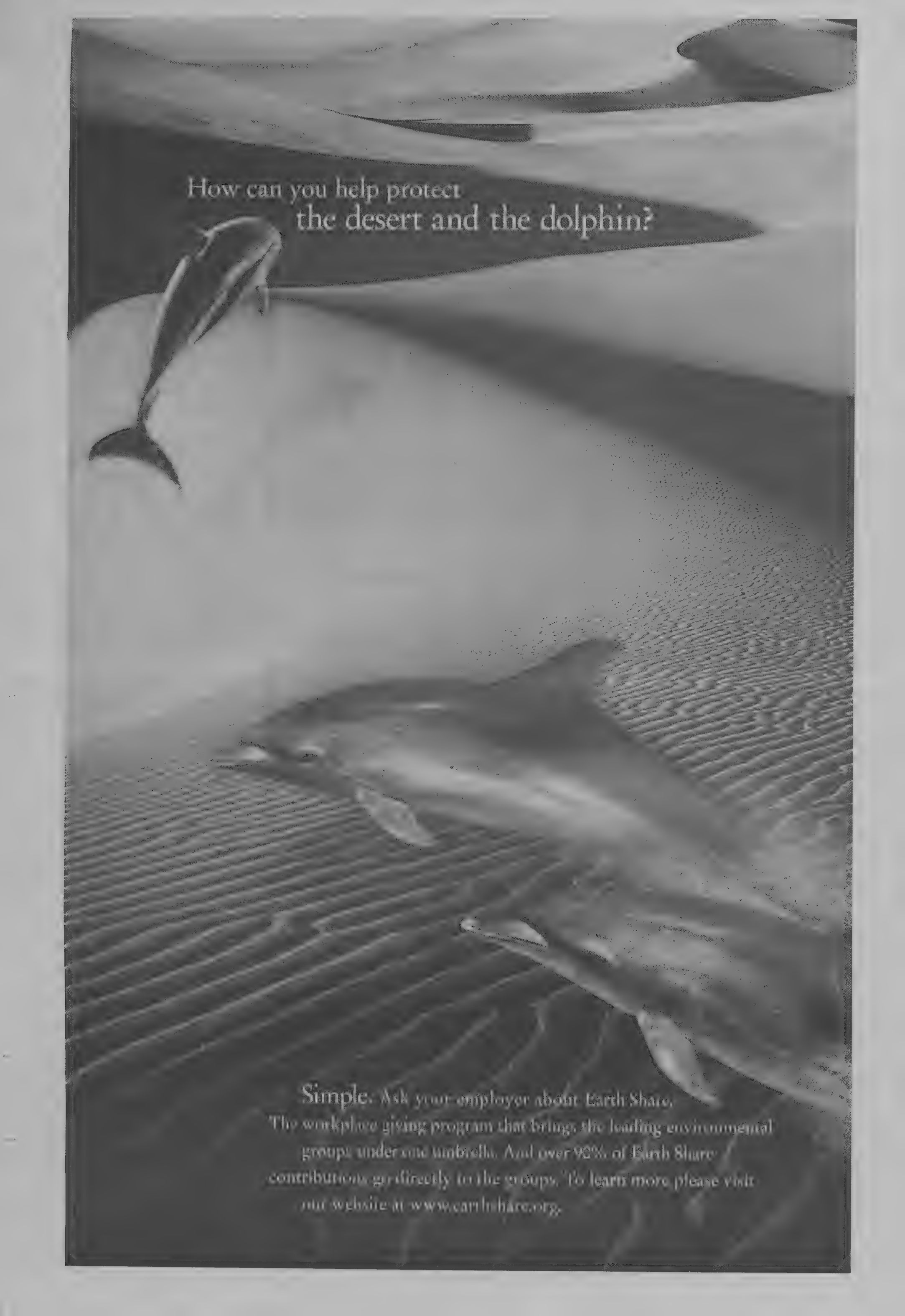
7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. CONCERT: Coope Boyes & Simpson and Finest Kind. A Cappella traditional vocal groups from England and Ottawa. Tickets \$25, \$5 students with ID at door. Recital Hall, Redstone Campus. Information: Lane Series 656-4455, <mailto:nneuert@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/lane-series/>.

SUNDAY

Noon to 2 p.m. VIDEO AND DISCUSSION: "Scout's Honor," as part of National Coming Out Week and Alumni and Family Weekend, parents are invited to view this documentary about the coming of age of an eagle scout. Information: LGBTQA Services, 656-8637. <http://www.uvm.edu/~lgbtqa>.

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Cats Defeat LaSalle, 1-0

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Molly Sheehan scored on a penalty stroke late in the first half as the University of Vermont field hockey team won for the second time in three games Sunday, defeating LaSalle 1-0 at DeVincent Field.

Sheehan scored her second goal this season with 10 seconds remaining in the first half. The junior two-sport standout also had a defensive save, her team-leading third of the season. UVM's Holly

Colberg recorded seven saves to post her third shutout of the season and the ninth of her career.

Whitney Gage, Stephanie Shield and Sara Mercanti each had three shots for the Cats, who outshot LaSalle, 24-9, in the game. Vermont also had a 11-8 advantage in penalty corners.

"We played a tough game today, and we came out on top," coach Nicki Houghton said. "We made the adjustments we needed to make."

-Sports Info



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Senior Captain Alexis Ressler moves the ball down the field in their 2-1 victory against Albany on Wednesday.

Women's Lacrosse to Host Benefit Fashion Show Saturday

The UVM women's lacrosse program will host a benefit fashion show on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 8:30p.m. under the tent at Grasse Mount, 411 Main Street.

Vincent Cox of Acote Salon in Boston, MA, father of UVM women's lacrosse standout Vanessa Cox, is presenting the show, which will serve as a fundraiser for the program's spring training trip.

It will feature professional models from the Boston area modeling the latest fashions from a number of Burlington area merchants.

Participating merchants include: Urban Outfitter, Ap.ro.pos, Le Petit Magasin,

Monelle and Ecco, as well as Forerunner Sports of Killington. A raffle drawing will be held at the show, with the winner receiving a weekend in Boston.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and may be purchased from the participating merchants and at the UVM Athletic Office.

Please call 656-7671 for more information.

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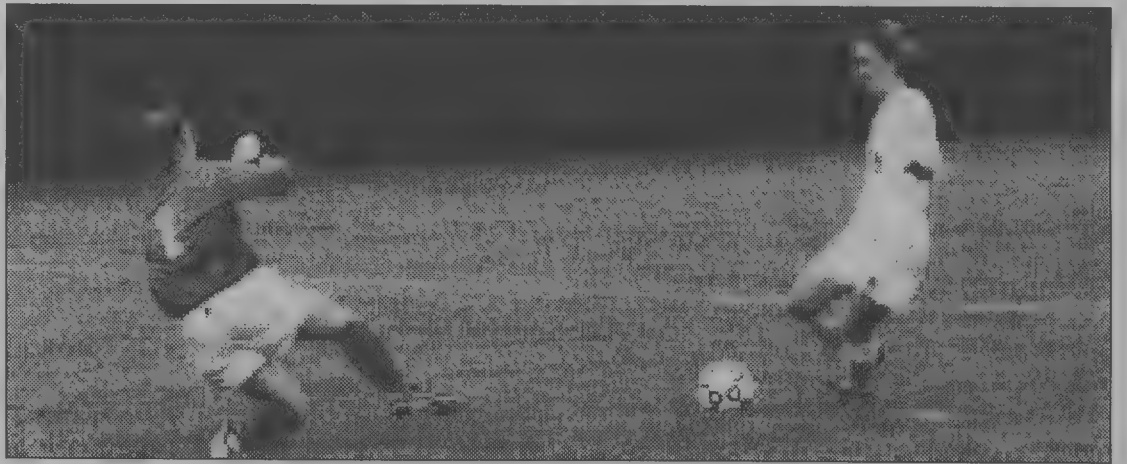
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Lady Catamounts Fall To Manhattan



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UVM's Anya Bohun-Chudyniv's shot is blocked by Manhattan's goalie in a loss Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Two goals with just over 10 minutes left in regulation gave the visiting Manhattan Jaspers (2-5-1) a 2-0 win over the University of Vermont in a non-conference match.

Vermont (1-7-0) dominated much of the action in the match, but wasn't able to capitalize on several scoring opportunities. In the first half, the Catamounts' best shots on net were by sophomore Kyrn Lanning and freshman Maryann Marzinotto. In the twenty-third minute, Lanning blasted a free kick at the

Manhattan net, but Jeanne Marie Gilbert was able to knock it over the cross bar for the save. Marzinotto's header sailed just over the cross bar in the forty-fourth minute.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Gilbert snuffed out Vermont's Anya Bohun-Chudyniv's breakaway. The Jaspers first good scoring opportunity came in the sixty-sixth minute, but a scramble in front of the UVM goalkeeper Brooke Fairbanks was knocked out of danger. Finally, in the seventy-ninth minute, Manhattan's Vanessa DiPoalo rocketed a free

kick from 25 yards out past Fairbanks into the upper corner. Teammate Lindsay Bernstein followed when she found herself all alone six yards out and was able to finish off the play in the eighty-eighth minute.

Gilbert was outstanding in net, making 12 saves of the afternoon for Manhattan. Fairbanks finished with three saves in the Vermont net.

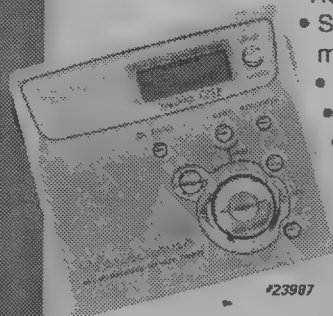
Vermont travels to Albany, New York tomorrow for its America East Conference opener versus the Albany Great Danes. Kick-off is scheduled for 1:00pm.

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McKown Leads the Pack For UVM Cycling

By SCOTT WOODRUFF

UVM's Ryan McKown rides his bike with strength, determination, heart, and with his team in his mind at all times.

McKown, a sophomore member of the UVM Cycling Club, knows that while riding a bike is very much an individual sport, he sees it more as a team sport than anything.

"When you spend an entire weekend riding in a van with 20 other guys and then spend the night on the living room floor of one of their parents' house, you tend to form a very tight bond with them."

McKown, from Lee, New Hampshire first got into serious racing and competition during his eighth grade year.

His father owns a bike shop which gave him the exposure he needed to see what went on during the races and that was all he needed.

Since then he has been training and working his hardest to improve himself for the good of

'I am pretty proud of that race simply because of the level of difficulty of the race and the size of the field. It was a great feeling to just finish the race at all.'

-Ryan McKown

the team.

In 1999, McKown set his sights on the Mount Washington Climb; one of the country's most elite and difficult races to complete.

The race is a 7.5 mile climb up an 18% grade on a mountain that is home to the highest recorded wind speed of 231 mph.

He finished fourth in the junior division and was in the top 25% of the entire field of 650 racers.

"I am pretty proud of that race simply because of the level of difficulty of the race and the size of the field. It was a great feeling to just finish the race at all."

Ryan was attracted to UVM by the prospect of being able to race and compete with UVM's Cycling Club.

"This team is basically why I came here," said McKown.

"It started about seven years ago and has just gotten huge since then. Just within the past three years the size of the team has gotten much larger and now we are one of the largest teams in the country."

The Cycling Team is a year round sport with mountain bike racing in the Fall and road racing in the Spring.

Competitions bring the team as far as Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New Mexico where the Nationals will be held in April, 2003.

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Green Defeat Gold 4-2 in Annual Men's Hockey Game

Cats Gear Up For First Home Game Against Northeastern Saturday

Sophomore Brady Leisenring scored two goals for the Green team but senior Ryan Miller assisted on two Gold goals, including the game-winner by Jason Fortin late in the game, as the Gold team defeated the Green team, 4-2, in the annual Green and Gold UVM men's ice hockey scrimmage at Gutterson Fieldhouse Saturday.

Miller, an assistant captain, set up Dustin Corbett's second-half goal, and then got the assist on Fortin's shot from the blue line that eluded freshman goalie Matt Hanson.

Leisenring scored the game's first goal with 16 seconds left in the opening 25-minute half.

Freshman Ben Driver stole the puck from the defenseman on an excellent forecheck, and then drove behind the net before feeding the puck behind his back to a streaking Leisenring, who buried it from the slot past senior Shawn Conschafter.

Corbett tied the score at 1-1 just 1:59 into the second half when he scored from the slot. Ryan Miller and freshman Spencer Morton assisted on the

Men's Hockey Games	
Oct. 5 Northeastern, 7p.m.	HOME
Oct. 12- UNH, 7p.m.	HOME
Oct. 18 - Boston U, 7p.m.	AWAY
Oct. 20- Boston College	
2p.m.	AWAY

goal.

Leisenring scored his second of the game midway through the second half when he took a pass from freshman Joey Gasparini and beat freshman netminder Travis Russell.

Thirteen seconds later, freshman Jaime Sifers scored from the right boards with a wicked shot that got by Hanson. Sifers' goal knotted the score at 2-2.

Scott Mifsud scored into the empty net with 14 seconds left in the game to give the Gold a 4-2 lead.

-Sports Info



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Number 23, Ryan Miller, steals the puck from the Green team in the Green vs Gold game on Saturday. Season opener for the Cats will be next Saturday against Northeastern at 7:00 PM.

Catamounts Blank Stony Brook 2-0



Evamarie Perron/VC Staff

Adam Wallace hurdles a Stony Brook defender while attempting a shot.

Cats Undeclared in Conference Play

A pair of second half goals lifted Vermont to a 2-0 win over Stony Brook in the America East men's soccer opener on Saturday afternoon.

The win gives the 5-4-0 Catamounts a good start in conference play (1-0-0) as they better their victory total from all of last season.

In 2001, UVM won just four times while opening the America East season with three straight losses.

After a scoreless first half, UVM's Matt Chavez could not connect on two solid chances in the opening minutes of the second period.

But Ethan Hutchins broke on the board with his first goal of the season in the fifty-third minute.

The Seawolves could not clear the ball after a UVM corner kick and David Said made a nice play to keep the ball in the penalty area.

His crossing pass found Hutchins wide open at the left post, and he nodded it by SBU goalkeeper Dan Ferrin.

Just 90 seconds later Vermont midfielder Tim Parisi made a big play to keep the 1-0 margin.

A Stony Brook corner kick got behind goalkeeper Ryan Corry and Parisi backed him up by adeptly sliding the ball away off of the goal line.

Tony Anderson made it 2-0 in the seventy-fifth minute with his team-high third goal of the season.

After Chavez was fouled just outside the box, Parisi served a free kick over the SBU defense that Anderson, from five yards out, headed past a diving Ferrin.

Ferrin finished with five saves for Stony Brook, who falls to 0-8-1 with the loss.

Corry, a senior making his first career start, made five saves in recording his first shutout, Vermont's fifth of the season.

In addition to a perfect 4-0-0 record at the Centennial Field, the Catamounts also have not allowed a goal to an opponent.

Vermont plays their final non-conference game of the season traveling to Siena on Wednesday.

They return home to host Maine next Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Roberson Run To Be Held This Saturday

In conjunction with UVM Homecoming/Family Weekend, the 10th annual Walk/Run to benefit the Kevin Roberson Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The event will start at 9:30 a.m. at UVM's Gucciardi Fitness Center. Entrants may pre-register for the 2K walk/5K run through the UVM Alumni Office by calling 656-2010 or by calling the UVM Athletics Life Skills office at 656-7887.

Participants also can register at 9 a.m. prior to the walk/run at the Gucciardi Fitness Center.

The registration fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for UVM students and children. Refreshments and raffle prizes will be provided following the event.

All proceeds will support the Kevin Roberson Memorial Fund.

Roberson, one of UVM's all-time great basketball players; finished his career with 1,503 points, and is the Cats' all-time leader with 1,054 rebounds and 409 blocked shots (also third-best in NCAA history). He was killed in an automobile crash in his hometown of Buffalo, NY on May 8, 1993 and was inducted posthumously into the UVM Athletic Hall of Fame in October of that same year.

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Possible Jump in Fines for Downtown Noise

By TRACY SHAWYER
Cynic Staff Writer

Is the city of Burlington going to force residents and students to put their money where their mouth is?

Rumors have been spreading around campus about a jump in the price of noise violation tickets.

At the last Ordinance Committee meeting that took place on Wednesday, Oct. 9, noise violations appeared to be the issue of concern as about 50 students and a handful of residence came to voice their opinions.

What is being proposed is an increase in noise violations tickets to 500 dollars when people are having an exceedingly loud party or social event.

Any subsequent offences

'Personally, I did not propose that number and I will not support it as a first offense.'

-Ian Carleton
City Councilor

will also hold the hefty 500-dollar fine in addition to being deemed a criminal offence.

Not only are the people in charge of the party liable to receive a fine, but in the current language of the proposal every person on or about the property where the party is being held is liable to receive a 500-dollar fine each.

Ian Carleton, Ward One City Councilor, commented about the fine saying, "The first thought that came to my mind when I saw this was sometimes I do criminal law, and sometimes I have criminal clients who are accused of misdemeanors who plead guilty, and settle with the state of Vermont for less than 500 dollars."

While an increase in the fine for noise violations seems likely, Carleton said, "Personally, I did not propose that number and I will not support it as a first offense."

Students who live downtown are not looking forward to a possible increase in fines, Logan Junger, class of 2004 said,

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Date Rape Drugs Hit Vermont



Andy Duback/ VC Staff

Date rape drugs are often disguised in beer and other drinks.

Reports of Date-Rape Drugs Are on the Rise

By CLAIRE WHITE
Cynic Correspondent

The use of date rape drugs is steadily on the rise throughout Vermont, claiming victims statewide. The targets of these debilitating drugs are, generally, young women of college age or in their early 20s; the scene of the crime is typically a bar or private party environment.

"This is really a serious problem in Vermont right now," said Sarah Kenney of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

"We really need to protect ourselves."

The number of reports of the use of these drugs has undeniably grown.

It is difficult, however, to ascertain whether it is an actual increase in the use of drugs such as Rohypnol (commonly known as "roofies," "roachies," "la rocha," and "the forget pill"), or if it is that individuals now have more of an awareness of the presence of the drug than before, according to Women's Rape Crisis Center Victims Advocate Danielle Levesque.

She stated that the Center counsels, on average, two victims of date rape drugs per month.

There are many challenges in identifying date rape drugs as a factor in rape situations. Kenney cited a mid-1990s study that found that seventy-five percent of

"More people are willing to seek counsel from Women's Rape Crisis Center than to seek legal action."

-Sgt. Jennifer Morrison

people who underwent drug testing after suspecting that they had been drugged and sexually assaulted tested positive for alcohol use.

With regard to this, she emphasized the importance of remembering that alcohol is, by far, the most widespread drug used in date rape situations.

Levesque marked the fallibility of evidence collection exams administered in hospitals as one of the challenges in the identification of date rape drugs.

"Because these drugs metabolize so quickly, it is virtually impossible to detect their presence in urine samples," she said.

Date Rape Facts:

- "roofies" most commonly appear in a white pill form but can also be green
- the drug can take between thirty minutes and six hours to take effect on the victim
- penalties for use of drug can include 20,000 dollar fines and/or up to 20 years in prison

Compounded by the difficulty of detecting the drugs in the victim's system, "it's difficult because if [the victim] has passed out, there is no memory of what happened."

"If there is no physical evidence and no memory, the only other witness to the crime is the perpetrator. That is the insidiousness of these drugs," she said.

Sgt. Jennifer Morrison, Director of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations, stated that CUSI has not seen a specific increase in reports of date rape drug use, maintaining that the number of suspicions reported has been consistent over the past few years.

This may not be an indication of a slowing of drug use, but rather of the difficulty in establishing physical evidence, as well as of the reluctance of many victims to report sexual assault.

"More people are willing to seek counsel from Women's Rape Crisis Center than to seek legal action. They feel slightly responsible, thinking, 'I shouldn't have been at the bars, I shouldn't have been drinking,'" Morrison said.

Rohypnol is the most commonly used drug by sexual predators.

In its original form, the drug was a white pill that was dropped into drinks, virtually undetected. "Roofies"

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UVM Purchases Trinity

By DEBORAH PRESS
Cynic Staff Writer

The University of Vermont Board of Trustees announced plans, last week to acquire the entire campus of Trinity College, located on Colchester Avenue in downtown Burlington.

The 14.3 million dollar purchase will expand UVM's main campus by more than 20 acres and grant access to 17 new buildings.

President Fogel expressed his excitement in an announcement to students, declaring the purchase "a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the University."

Although no definite plans are yet in place for the property, projected uses include new classroom and administrative complexes, interim office space for the temporarily lost space at University Heights and Perkins Geology facility construction projects, and the continued use of five dorms for senior and graduate student housing.

'It's great that we're moving ahead, but we should focus more on improving what we have before reaching out for other things.'

-Kate Smith
Senior

The University also plans to consolidate programs and offices currently dispersed throughout Burlington and which occupy leased space.

The funds the University will save once these leases are no longer necessary will contribute to the \$14.3 million purchase.

Current leasing of space on the Trinity campus to outside parties will serve as an additional source of revenue.

But the major funding for the purchase will come from one of the University's existing bonds and will not detract from UVM's general funds.

Some students regarded the new acquisition with skepticism.

"It's great that we're moving ahead, but we should focus more on improving what we have before reaching out for other things,"

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Professors Ask for Little, Get Less

Last time we checked, students at this university are here by choice, and not by force, correct?

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Then why is it that some students come to this school and like it's middle school?

Why do these kids (and they're being called kids for a reason) not have the decency to treat their professors and peers with the respect they deserve?

Last time we checked, being a jerk to a professor, no matter how "dumb" his/her class might seem, wasn't cool.

It isn't even funny.

When we are spending our time and effort to go to a class, we don't want to be disrupted by jerks who think it's cool to make smart-ass comment to their professors because they're "too cool for school."

Grow up. Seriously.

If you're not going to listen to your angry professors say it, then hear it from us.

These professionals have put countless hours and dollars into their respective fields, and they deserve the utmost respect for it.

They're not paid much, they're not praised much, and that's not fair.

We doubt many professors get letters and phone calls from students saying, "Great job on the lecture again. I really appreciate all the work you put into it."

We bet most of their comments are stu-

dents complaining about their grades, begging for extra credit, and making up excuses for why they've missed lecture for the last three weeks.

It's painful to see all the seats fill up on test day, but become half-empty the next when they realize they "don't really have to come to class."

It's ridiculous to think that lectures and seminars aren't helpful or worth the time to go to.

If they weren't, then professors and lecturers wouldn't be needed to make one fully understand the material.

Last time we checked, professors are still needed to help truly learn something.

If they weren't, we're sure the University would cut out that chunk of that money.

Their degrees are worth something, and all of those years of work aren't being put to full use when they're not being used in the proper way.

Think about in this way. Would you want to keep putting in all this effort to teach hundreds of students difficult subject matter if no one cared? If no one showed up, did their work, or participated?

We wouldn't want to put all that effort in for nothing, and neither would you hopefully when you thought about it.

If you don't want to be here, then leave.

Don't waste our time and effort when you want to be a jerk and make smart-ass comments out loud to professors.

A's & F's

A's

To the upcoming three-day weekend, otherwise known as fall break. It'll be a good chance for everyone to get a break, get away, and chill out.

To freedom of speech at this University. People can say what they want in most places on campus, from the radio station to UVM TV and the newspaper.

To all the open-minded and welcoming students and groups on campus. UVM seems to be a place where one can find a group that will welcome them with open arms.

F's

To the lack of attendance to many Homecoming events, including the Homecoming parade. Seven floats is sad.

To the collegiate attitude that one knows everything there is to know about a subject. We're students here a reason.

To the requirement for students to be on the meal plan. This dining service doesn't fit many students' needs, and they shouldn't be forced to spend money on food they won't/can't eat without bouts of colitis.

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Being Right Isn't Always Wrong

To the Editor:

Throw out this paper-a "big bad member of the UVM Radical Right" is writing. Consequently, I'll probably get threatened by Keith Rosenthal and get a complaint sent in by another ISO member that I am an evil capitalist.

Maybe you'll even see a picture of me smiling next to dying babies? Should I plaster a picture of Rosenthal next to the mass graves of the Soviet Union all in free speech?

I don't want to be unfair to the left. I'll give each organization equal time.

Next up, the College Democrats! Some groups take stances; the Democrats instead focus on cartoons of the Bush Administration as the front of their web page. Democrats accuse Republicans of coming to Vermont to buy votes in a

grassroots state.

Did Jeb Spaulding get money from the state? Didn't our "future governor" Doug Racine say we shouldn't play dirty politics?

How about the bias of restricting someone's free speech?

People don't think Russel Henderson has any right to voice his views. Somebody brings up a controversial issue from the right and is called racist.

If the left brings a minority speaker and the right criticizes him/her it's called racism.

If the right brings a minority speaker and the left criticizes him/her it's called multiculturalism. Who's close-minded?

Bob Fulton
Class of 2004

Labeling Is Not the Answer

To the Editor:

The regurgitated dogma that the members of the Socialists on campus endlessly repeat within the pages of the Cynic is misguided; however, most of the time, it is entertaining in nature.

However, in this past week's edition, Kathleen Brown uses racism as a justification to overthrow capitalism.

While I can tolerate this tired rhetoric, what I cannot accept is the personal attack that was launched on Russel Henderson.

According to Kathleen, Russel wrote a "racist rant" that expressed racism and intolerance.

Clearly, Kathleen must not know Russel, because it is obvious that he is not a racist person, but that he has fallen victim to the same problem that anyone who questions politically correct issues does—that is, being demonized by the left because they cannot defeat his ideas in thoughtful discourse.

It is much easier for those like Kathleen to label someone as racist, homophobic or misogynistic, etc.

What Russel is advocating is the only solution to racism in this country, and that is that we get beyond the social

construct of race, and evaluate people not on a particular race or special group that they belong to but that we evaluate them on the basis of themselves as individuals. Or as the Reverend Dr. King would have said, evaluate them on "the content of their characters, not the color of their skin."

Now, we cannot deny the history of this nation in light of the fact that our original sin as a people is the slaughter of the Indians and the enslavement of Africans; we cannot undo history.

But constantly arguing about that history will do nothing but hold us back. I hope that I will see the day when we will no longer have hyphenated Americans, be it African-American, Chinese-American, or in my case, Scottish-American, because as Americans, we are united not by where we come from, but where we are going together as a people, and that is the dream of America. We must live up to this dream and to the principles of this grand experiment in human history, the grand ideal that "all men are created equal."

Peter Morrison
Class of 2003

Don't Misunderstand the Real Issue

I am writing in response to Kathleen Brown's condemnation ("Oppression: Absolute Fact, Widespread Opinion") of Russel Henderson's Sept. 23 column.

But I hesitate to do so for two reasons: first, because I do not think I can do Henderson's column justice, but more importantly, because in addressing Brown's statistical citations, I do not wish to affirm that they are scientifically sound. It is my opinion that statistics are too easy to manipulate to be the basis of a rational argument, but with that in mind, I will move on.

Brown seems to be confusing the issue. Yes, racism exists, but the primary problem plaguing minorities is the issue of CLASS, not RACE.

The statistical correlations Brown cited are true for people in poverty, be they black, white or purple. And I'm sorry to trample on her worldview, but

poverty is not a result of capitalism, nor is racism an "unalienable" consequence of capitalism. Poverty exists in every industrialized economic system and there is simply no logical progression from capitalism to racism.

Capitalism is an economic system that enables the union of workers and competitive wages, not the opposite. As Sir Winston Churchill stated about democracy, capitalism is indeed the worst system possible—until you look at any other.

I doubt Brown would disagree that there is a world of difference between racism and equality. Henderson asks only that we all exist on equal ground, where WASPs coexist with minorities and none have advantages over others.

That, I feel, is equality in its truest sense.

Nicole Ertman is a Cynic Copy Editor and a member of the Class of 2006.

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Why Israel Deserves American Support

Since September 11, the depth of European support for America has become clear. Some alliances have proven shallow.

In the face of the looming war with Iraq, France, the self-appointed moral voice of the West, has castigated us for our unilateralism while Germany likened Bush to Hitler.

On the other hand, Britain's support has certainly proven to be enduring. Still, the most enthusiastic ally of all is Israel, who responded to the terrorist attacks with a curt 'let's roll' and has not strayed since.

Why?

Israel and the US are both confronted with the threat posed by radical Islam. Many of the same countries that funded Al Qaeda support Palestinian bombers, often by paying the families of the murderers \$25,000.

Unfortunately, Israel's unqualified support has not been

reciprocated. We permit temporary abridgement of our own civil liberties in pursuit of terrorists, but we deny this to people who face this threat every time they step onto a bus?

What prevents us from standing alongside brave Israelis as misconceptions and myths that drive a wedge between the American populace and one of the US's few enduring friends. Foremost among them is the myth of the 'occupied territories.'

Prior to 1967, the West Bank was part of Jordan and the Gaza Strip part of Egypt.

Neither wants them back.

How can people continue to call this territorial aggrandizement when the 'victimized' countries acquiesce and are in fact the only two in the Arab world who have normalized relations with Israel?

Second is the idea that Yassar Arafat, laughably a Nobel Laureate, is somehow a victim.

The organization that stands idle in the face of mass murder, ethnic cleansing and land seizures by dictators pulls no punches in condemning a liberal democracy that faces a daily struggle against terrorism...

The same man who chides supporters in Arabic to "Kill Jews, wherever you find them" portends victimhood in English to willing tools like MP George Galloway.

The true Palestinian victims are the people peaceloving who merely desire freedom and prosperity, goals denied them by a handful of murderers driven to kill by promises of salvation and a greedy monster who has accumulated millions by exploiting his hardships.

Remember, it was Arafat who walked away from a gener-

ous settlement at Camp David that offered a firm bedrock for lasting peace.

Israel's necessary fight has been lambasted, of course, by that beacon of morality, the United Nations.

The organization that stands idle in the face of mass murder, ethnic cleansing and land seizures by dictators pulls no punches in condemning a liberal democracy that faces a daily struggle against terrorism and has responded with a justifiable use of force.

Equally vigorous in their condemnation is the American left. The lynchpin of this is 'divestment,' which calls for the end of support for Israel and 'Zionist' businesses.

While few liberals are anti-Semitic, it is very disturbing to see the rhetoric of Goebbels recycled for a 'progressive' crusade that Harvard President Lawrence Summers and attorney Alan

Dershowitz deemed 'anti-Semitic in effect if not in intent.'

This potential for anti-Semitism was made clear when a swastika was spraypainted on a campus Sukkot, and reinforced when Holocaust Remembrance Day at Berkeley was chosen for a violently anti-Semitic rally for Palestine.

I wonder if the violent protest that prevented Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking at Concordia set off Nancy Welch's academic freedom alarms.

There is certainly room for criticism of Israeli actions, but since it cannot occur without (understandably) terrifying American and European Jews, perhaps protesters need to rethink their strategy.

Russel Henderson is a Cynic columnist and a member of the class of 2003.

Town/Gown Relations Continue to Go Down

Two weeks ago, the rumor spread that Ian Carleton, the Democratic representative from Ward 1, was sponsoring legislation within the city to raise noise violations to \$500 per person on the lease.

Carleton, whose Ward includes Harris/Millis, MAT, L/L and Main Campus was elected by a high percentage of students. So it shocked Carleton's supporters that he approved.

But, the \$500 penalty rumor was false and only mentioned during a conference of the Housing Ordinance committee for city council. These rumors demonstrate how bad relations are between the University and Burlington.

Mayor Claville and Burlington have often pushed through city ordinances that severely affect students. These ordinances include the functional family law which attempts to curb more than four students living in one house. Arrests and students taken into custody for drunkenness have increased along with University pressure to control its students.

Burlington residents should be upset when people puke on their lawns. But, what Burlington

needs to realize is that students also live in this town. Without UVM students Burlington would not have a strong economy. Burlington would be an economically and socially depressed city.

But neither side wants to compromise. It appeared that relations were getting better with the new late night bus route on the weekends, but tensions are on the rise.

However, the University and town should encourage positive interaction between students and residents. Ways to improve relations include blue lights and better street lighting in college neighborhoods for security and

maybe a University liaison to meet at once with neighbors and students.

As students we curse the residents and the city government for their anti-student ordinances. But we must cooperate and maintain civility and communication. And if you dislike passed ordinances, vote the people who make them out of office next March on town meeting day.

Mike Banyas is a Cynic columnist and a member of the class of 2003.

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Make Like Yale: Light And Truth

The White House has recently released a document entitled 'The National Security Strategy of the United States.'

It makes plain what has been de facto policy for American capitalism since the end of World War II--that "the United States government relies on the armed forces to defend America's interests . . ." (section IX.).

What interests?

Precisely the corporate desire to "open societies to commerce and investment" (section VII.).

There are two main interwoven trends to be found in the document: the global entrenchment of 'free trade' and the American government's readiness to "not hesitate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise our right to self-defense by acting preemptively against terrorists" (section III.).

Why free trade and terrorism?

Why would a document on national security include two seemingly disconnected issues?

The document states, "free trade and free markets have

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...the American government can attack any country it wants without provocation or apparent reasons!

proven their ability to lift whole societies out of poverty" (introduction).

Yet free trade and free markets have actually thrown whole societies into poverty.

Over the past 25 years, wages for most Americans have stagnated or declined.

In Latin America, free trade has left countries like Argentina with half its population living in poverty.

The document admits that "some live in comfort and plenty, while half of the human race lives on less than \$2 a day" (section VII.), and that poverty-perpetuated diseases such as AIDS are destroying whole continents.

But the mere \$1 billion per year that the UN is asking of the US to fight AIDS (an amount equivalent to U.S. expenditures PER DAY on the military), has been refused.

Unfortunately, this is fitting.

In a world of such brutalities and inequalities, the American ruling class must fight to stay on top--must fight for exclusive access to cheaper labor and cheaper resources.

In this context, the 'war on terror' becomes a pretext to exert US military hegemony the world over in order to protect its 'interests.'

When the document states that America reserves the right to take "anticipatory action to defend ourselves, even if uncertainty remains as to the time and place of the enemy's attack" (section V.), it means that the American government can attack any country it wants without provocation or apparent reasons!

Moreover, section IX. states that America's forces must "be strong enough to dissuade potential adversaries from pursuing a military build-up in hopes of sur-

passing, or equaling, the power of the United States."

In other words, the American war machine will be used to deter possible infringement upon its world dominance (and economic preeminence) by . . . who? Russia, China, Germany?

A war on Iraq would be the testing ground for the implementation of this doctrine.

Amidst such aggression emanating from the U.S. government, the onus is put on the American people to actively oppose this recklessness.

To further discuss the implications of the 'Bush doctrine' and to begin to build a broad anti-war movement, come to the International Socialist Organization's next public meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Lafayette 100, UVM.

Keith Rosenthal is a guest columnist and a member of the class of 2003.

Hear ye, hear ye! The Cynic staff has grown. It now has a certain girth; wouldn't you like to be part of that girth? Well, if you're so excited and you just can't hide it, please mosey, no, no-please canter-no, wait, mo' emphasis still-please fly like a bat out of Hell into the basement of Billings at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, this Wednesday, and every Wednesday. Steadily albeit slowly, this paper is improving. You, as an individual UVMissary, can and are greatly encouraged via mafiosoesque tactics to be a part of this positive change. So as not soon to be sleeping with the fishes, take me up on my invitation-it's an offer you can't refuse.

Striking a Chord, Developing Accord

Amidst preshow buzz, the house lights suddenly dim and the stage is illuminated a muted red. The crowd sounds cheers, claps and whistles as a few goofy-looking guys plug in their instruments. An explosion tears through the room as they enter into the first notes of the opening song.

To those who have been part of such scenes, the preceding words are merely familiar where the emotions implied are brighter than the noon-day sun. Because of my own love for such moments I now write on behalf of a group of people who have yet to unite openly.

If there is one aspect of UVM that binds, it is the mysticism of music. As various campus locales are immortalized as the birthplace of Phish, the genre of modern jambands speaks to our mass more than does any other.

In a scene of such diverse music, should not the fans be as diverse and open? This question is the inspiration for what I hope will be a successful project many of you may wish to help undertake. For my part, I wish to build on ideas espoused in a previous article: the expansion of the gay community into subcultures which have little to no representation therein.

Now, I do not wish to draw attention away from the prowess of the bands we all love. But if a visible and respected community of gay people existed within the jamband community, then we would all be free to share in the groove without any fear of awkwardness, or God forbid, retaliation.

I wish today to say, "Yes, there

A warm and welcoming community of gay fans may alleviate the stress of The Closet and even allow people to come to terms...with their own identities.

are gay fans, and we have just as much of a right to feel the freedom of The Show as anyone else!"

I understand this may cause tension at first, but why should there be any tension between straights and gays? Only the eradication of a system denying the right to be open can eliminate this tension.

A warm and welcoming community of gay fans may alleviate the stress of The Closet and even allow people to come to terms, personally and publicly, with their own identities.

A final statement for those uncomfortable with homosexuals: we are not trying to disturb you.

Fear not that gay fans will try to take over the scene; this movement is to create gay culture defined by the peculiarities which define the jamband scene.

To assume that I wish to destroy the scene or to negatively change it falls back to stereotypes and bigotry.

For anyone who wishes to help create such an organization, please tell me. E-mail me at whuling@zoo.uvm.edu; let me know. Dialogue has often been the impetus for change, so let me know what you think!

William Huling is a guest columnist and member of the class of 2005.

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What is your favorite and least-favorite aspect of Fall?



Favorite: "It's almost ski season!"
Least-Favorite: "It's not here yet-Shout out to 'Emil the Real Deal'".

Mark Fotovat, 2005



Favorite: "I love eating the wild grapes that have fallen on the ground and begun fermenting".
Least-Favorite: "When the wind blows in my face".

Tom Nanos' dog, Clyde, 2006



Favorite: "The Leaves".
Least-Favorite: The piercing wind".

Tara Jahn, 2005



Favorite: "The colors of the trees and everything".
Least-Favorite: "When all the colors go away".

L. Wood, 2005

UVM Benefits From Trinity Acquisition

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aid senior Kate Smith.

But University spokesmen insist that the purchase of Trinity College does not portend major changes for UVM.

"We don't see this as a blueprint for substantial growth, but it will give us some flexibility," said Enrique Corredera, director of University Communications.

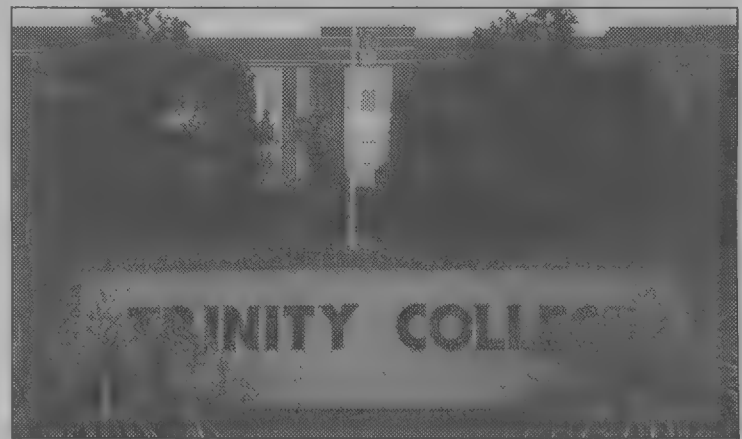
Other students agreed, and did not foresee the new property greatly impacting their lives.

'Personally, I don't think it's going to affect me. It's just a larger campus to travel.'

-Elijah Lloyd
Junior

"Personally, I don't think it's going to affect me. It's just a larger campus to travel," said junior Elijah Lloyd.

Despite differing interpretations of how the additional space



Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

The recently acquired Trinity property off of Pearl Street.

will shape the future of UVM, administrators from both schools are optimistic regarding the decision.

At last week's press conference announcing Trinity's acceptance of UVM's bid on the property, Trinity president, Sister Jacqueline Marie Kieslich, expressed her hope for the changeover, stating,

"Although the decision to close the college was not easy for any part of the [Trinity] college community, this transition to the University of Vermont will give

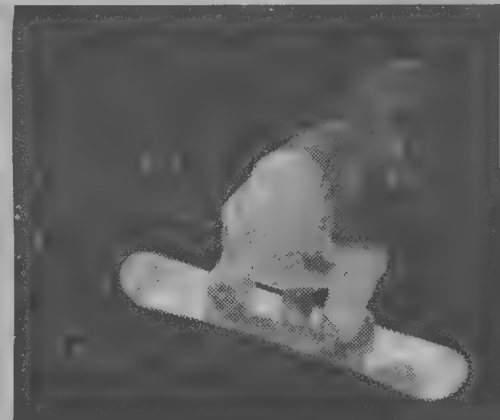
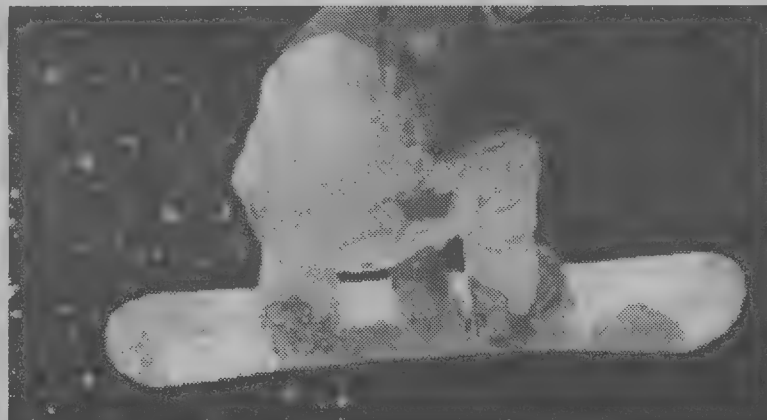
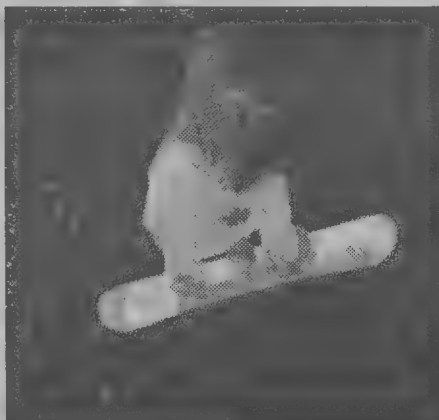
consolation that what was begun and nurtured on these acres and within these walls will continue to serve the citizens of Vermont." Trinity spokespersons declined to identify the other bidders.

The decision to close Trinity College was made due to financial problems and low enrollment in July of 2000 by its board of trustees and an executive council of the Vermont Sisters of Mercy, the school's founders.

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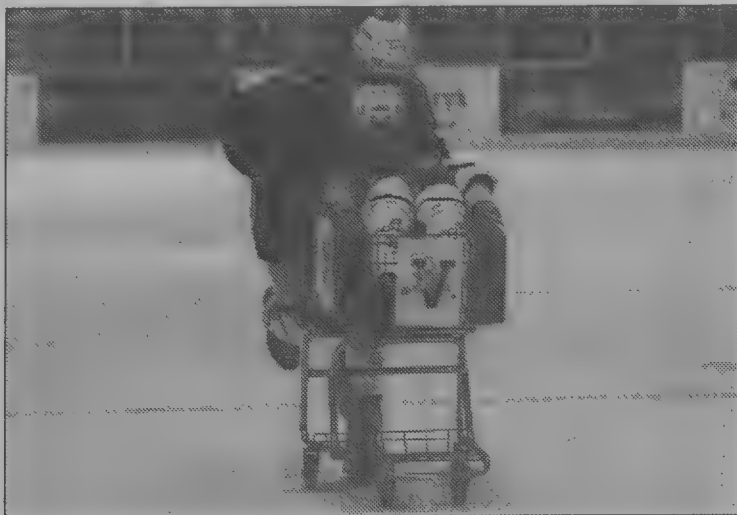
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Shopping for Friends

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Two unknown students race down the ice at halftime during Saturday night's game against UNH. This friend was a blue line special.

Widespread Date Rape Drug Usage

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like extremely powerful sedatives, estimated at ten times more powerful than Valium, and include a memory-blocking element.

Manufacturers of the pharmaceutical drug Rohypnol have responded to the abuse of this drug by redesigning the pill to be green instead of white and to fizz when slipped into liquid.

However, street producers of these powerful sedatives have worked around this by creating a drug called GHB that has the same effects of Rohypnol.

In addition to this specific drug, there are a variety of different drugs, from diet supplements to homemade concoctions, which are used to the same end.

The time elapsed before the drugs take effect varies from drug

to drug, ranging from 30 minutes to six hours.

There are major obstacles to determining the presence of "roofies" in a date rape situation, not to mention the near impossibility of tracking the drug use back to the predator due to the "mind-erasing" effects that the drugs have on the victim.

This element compounds the already-devastating reality of sexual violation; as Levesque pointed out, the only individual who knows exactly what happened is the sexual offender who committed the crime.

If enough evidence was collected, the legal recourse for an offender includes charges of sexual assault, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in jail and/or up to \$10,000 in fines.

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"Students already give a lot of money to the Burlington economy, I think they need to come up with a plan that does not include charging students more, I don't think a ticket is going to solve the problem."

Sharon Bushor, Ward One City Councilor, tried to clarify the intentions of the proposal saying, "I am not looking to screw you [students] I just want you to have a nice neighborhood to live in."

During the Ordinance meeting, students expressed a range of concerns including how unfair such a large fine was, the repercussions students will feel if they receive a criminal record for a noise violation, and the fact that there is a lot of crime that happens in Burlington that police could be turning their attention to rather than noise violations.

Students also had lots of suggestion for an alternative to a fine.

Michael Weand, Class of 2003, suggested, "Scratch the 500 dollar fine and have a mandatory set hours of community service."

The Burlington Community members were most concerned with the fact that they are unable to sleep due to the noise from these parties.

Many people at the meeting wanted to avoid a mentality of us versus them, and therefore suggested community-building activities.

George Hetfield, a member of the Burlington Community

'We need to try to work on keeping the party inside, not being loud outside. Students are going to party, and the majority of the people who live downtown are 21.'

-Mary Kate Bennett
Junior

said, "Increasing the fine will make more animosity among the community members."

Another issue that needs to be addressed in the proposed noise ordinance is a definite way that police hand out tickets, because in the current proposal their seems to be an unlimited number of people can receive a fine.

Ian Carleton sees the need for a more efficient system of handing out tickets, saying, "The cops have been coming to these parties and randomly handing out tickets to random people, as far as I am concerned that is a really inefficient way of handling the issues both from the student side and from the law enforcement side."

The problem is not the students who go to the party, but the problem house that keeps all of the neighbors up."

Slapping a fine on the issue might seem like the quickest and easiest fix, but it probably won't solve the problem of loud parties.

Residents of downtown Burlington site certain 'party

houses' as the primary concern.

In the event that a fine does not deter party houses, one idea that is being considered is notifying landlords of their problem tenants.

Carleton says, "The city can try to crack down on the students, but they are going to continue to party and there are a lot of student houses out there, what you need to do is identify the problem houses and get in touch with the landlords, and say listen you own this property and the residents are keeping the people awake all over the place."

Mary Kate Bennett, class 2004, had a suggestion for a way to cut down on the noise in downtown Burlington, she says, "We need to try to work on keeping the party inside, not being loud outside."

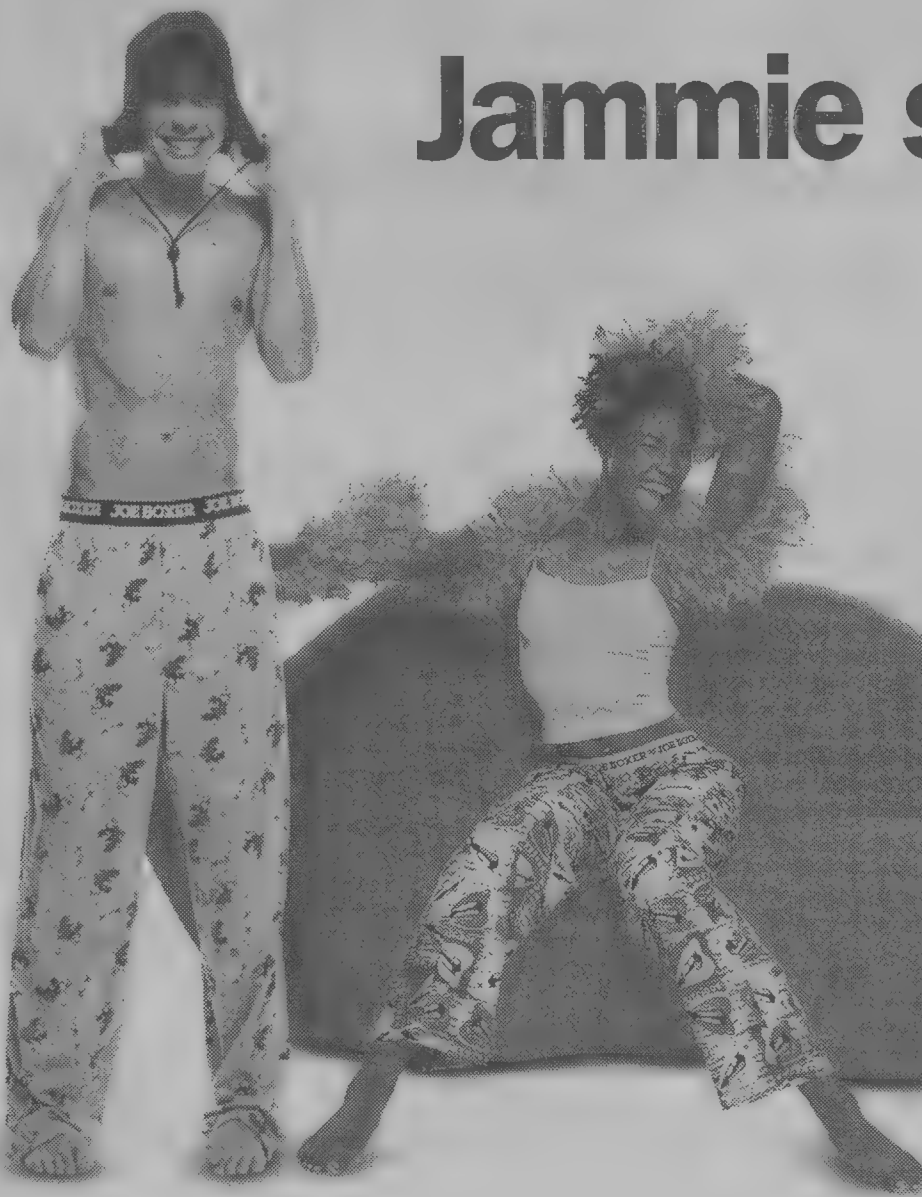
"Students are going to party, and the majority of the people who live downtown are 21."

Carleton is not suggesting that students stop partying rather he says, "Students absolutely have the right to party, they just have to party responsibly."

After numerous student comments the Ordinance committee has made no decision about the proposed changes in the noise violation ordinance and plan to continue their discussion at the next ordinance committee meeting.

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Higher Ground to Close?

By MEREDITH SUNEWICK
Cynic Correspondent

Rumors have been spreading around campus that Higher Ground will be closing down. As the most popular venue in the Burlington/Winooski area, the closure of Higher Ground would dramatically change the music scene in Burlington.

Higher Ground, which opened in April of 1998, books a wide variety of shows with the such talented musicians as KRS-One, Yonder Mountain String Band, and Toots and the Maytals. The 18+ policy of the club makes

Winooski development threatens popular music venue

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it accessible to all college students in the area, and its ideal size and well equipped bar has made it a favorite among UVM students.

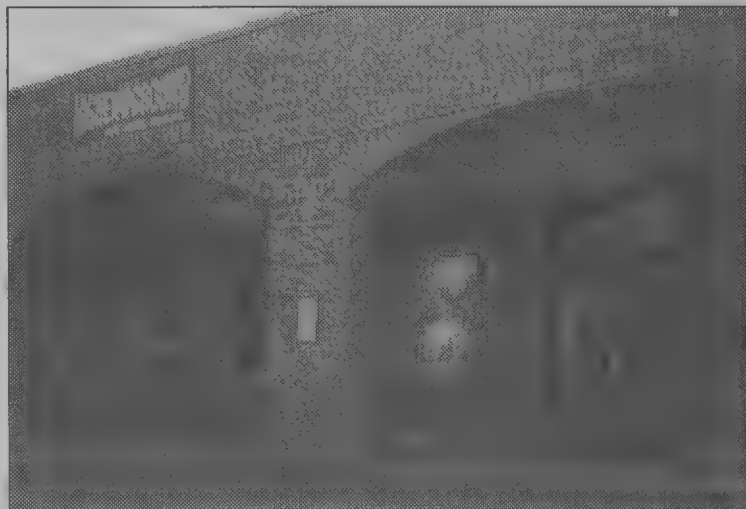
Unfortunately, the fate of the club is unclear because of plans for massive development of downtown Winooski.

For the past two years, the Winooski City Development Committee has been working on a

complete re-structuring of Winooski that would include a waterfront park in front of the Winooski River, the construction of office buildings and condominiums, and the creation of a downtown similar to that of Burlington. This ambitious plan for development does not include Higher Ground, and the building it occupies now would be completely demolished.

Co-owner Alex Crothers thinks that because of the struggling economy, it will be difficult to go ahead with the plans, "Without any money, nothing gets done." Although the future of the club is up in the air, Crothers is optimistic that Higher Ground will stay at its present location for a while. "We've had our busiest fall to date this year and we are going to start booking for the beginning of next year."

Over the past two years, management at Higher Ground has been talking continuously with the Winooski City Development Committee and a number of deadlines have been set for Higher Ground to move out of the space, but these deadlines have been pushed back several times. Although the next deadline



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Higher Ground at its present location in Winooski.

is set for January 15, the staff of Higher Ground wonder if that deadline will be postponed again due to a lack of organization and funding for the city's development plans.

The threat of possible eviction does exist and the staff at Higher Ground have been looking around for a new space but have not offered any specifics on a possible new location. They are disappointed at the prospect of having to move when the lease for their current space extends for another six years. "We are happy in Winooski and we want to stay. We have a good relationship with the city, the police, and we like the space," said Crothers.

Students have expressed concern over the possible closure of Higher Ground and what it would mean for Burlington's music scene. "Regardless of what happens, it's important that Higher Ground stays in the Burlington area. It just brings such great music into town," said senior Ryan Lowe.

Although the future of Higher Ground remains uncertain, it is likely that a complete shutdown of the venue will not occur for at least a few months, possibly longer. The owners are preparing for this by looking for a new home for Higher Ground.

Ranting and Raving

What has happened to SNL? This season's SNL has not been funny. It's made me sick. Hey Matt Damon: Shut your mouth! No one wants to hear poorly written comedy dealing with the Boston Red Sox. I saw the Boss was on that night too. What was Lorne Michaels thinking? He was probably thinking that there isn't a respected celebrity left that would host SNL.

Norm Macdonald was a funny news anchor. I know you're trying Jimmy, but it's painfully obvious that comedy is not your area of expertise. Then there's Tina "the Problem" Fey. That's right, she is "the problem". She became the problem when she was given the title of Head Writer in 1999. The only thing funny about Seth Meyers is his lack of talent and deceptively young looking face.

If the last three years are any indication of her abilities as they pertain to comedy writing, SNL is in big trouble. The old formats (1970s), were much better than what we see today. We will never see that kind of comedy again, or at least not until NBC fires Lorne Michaels. Michaels should not be immune from criti-

cism, even if he has been the producer of SNL since the 1970s.

At least Will Farrell left the show before it became complete s***. The only question left is Darrel Hammond. What is he still doing there? He is the show's only saving grace, however little and however late.

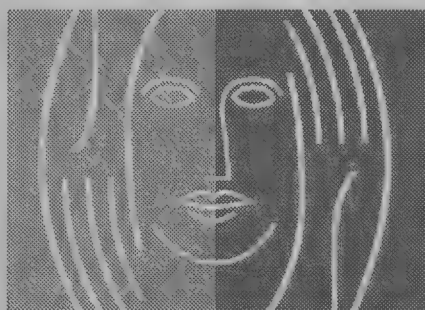
If NBC thinks they can make Americans endorse this season's SNL, they're probably right, because Americans have extremely unsophisticated tastes in comedy. SNL would be much funnier, to Americans at least, if all the actors wore exaggerated phalluses, constantly ran into each other, and claimed that they didn't see the person they ran into. Everyone would laugh at that in much the same way that they laugh at Austin Powers, Jackass, and Friends.

All four shows cater to an audience who doesn't understand satire, needs to be told when to laugh, and needs thier comedy to be nothing short of obvious. The worst part of this whole mess is not the current state of SNL, but the massive deterioration it has experienced in the last 10-25 years.

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Taurus

April 20 - May 20

If you honestly think I'm going to watch a movie about a crazy hyper-intelligent cannibal, you're wrong! I'd rather watch a movie with a message. Something timeless. Something with a two billion dollar tuxedo! Now get out of my room, it's Donald's time for the next 15 minutes.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

"Hey ugly!" might be exactly what you're thinking right now. Why not just step away from the mirror?! Ha ha ha ha ha! Aha, ha! At your expense! Time of my life! Cyndi Lauper!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

So you think that there were at least three horoscopes missing last (two weeks ago) week, huh? Well if you think I'm going to let you get away with it, you're wrong. We'll talk about this later, but first I've gotta find my finest Abercrombie, the cheapest beer, and a very fake looking drunk girl. It's a formula...for success.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

You can't drive 55 either? That's what I asked him. You got

close enough to talk to him?! Yeah, it was incredible! No way! I know! No, I'm calling you a liar. There's no way you asked Sammy that. Yes I did. Cut the s***, I mean it. What? Alright, get out! By the way, you sucked in Home Improvement, Toolman! You can't leave me out here! I'm famous!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I know you've been watching the royal family closely for the past 8 years I wonder how she's doing anyway? Ooops! How rudely entertaining!

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I like your son and/or daughter as much as the next man and/or woman. I know this might seem unreasonable and/or creepy, but I think I could really help him and/or her. I'm a respectable member of the community and/or

church. If your son and/or daughter is interested, tell him and/or her to call me. I'm the local teacher and/or priest.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

With almost half the semester over, you're probably trying to forget that you have a D- average, social anxiety, and a whole host of "complications". (Laughter) I'm sorry! (Laughter) Complications! Your life is a movie. I'm thinking of a hentai movie (wink, wank).

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

I know that your band is officially on hiatus now, but would you mind if I just remember:

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Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

That's correct, I am a secret agent. A secret agent, who hap-

pens to be going to college. You would think they could cut a secret agent a break in chemistry. A C- is not a grade this secret agent wants on his transcript. If you want, we could go upstairs? No, it's cool if we stay here. No problem. So, I was, uh...huh. Hhhmmm. So I got this...uh...huh. You should see this...uh...huh. So, you don't...okay. No, it'd be okay...well...I guess. I just...alright. Fine. Ha ha...no, sure. Only if...yeah, fine. Bye.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

I was thinking of transferring to another school but I think I'm falling in love with you all over again. How did that sound? You think she'll buy it? Good.

Pisces

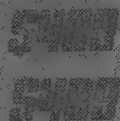
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Try making time for your significant other this week. Take a break from making that money. I know your man has been acting a fool, okay I'll stop this right now. Look, I'm really sorry your horoscope didn't work out his week. Alright, I've got something here: If your radio show was on Friday night, I'm laughing! It was me. Oh, so you didn't see last week's issue? Well you were the only one. Here's a joke to cheer you up:
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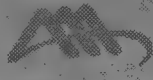
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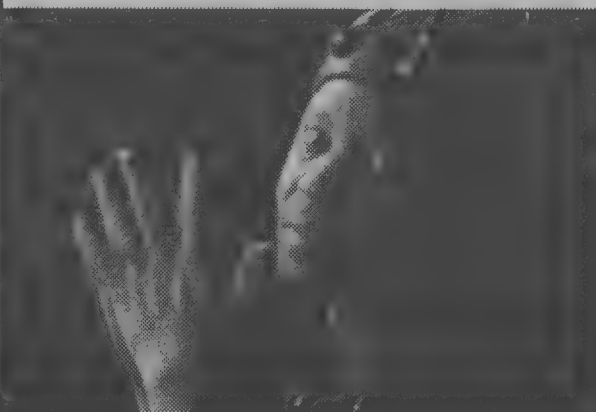
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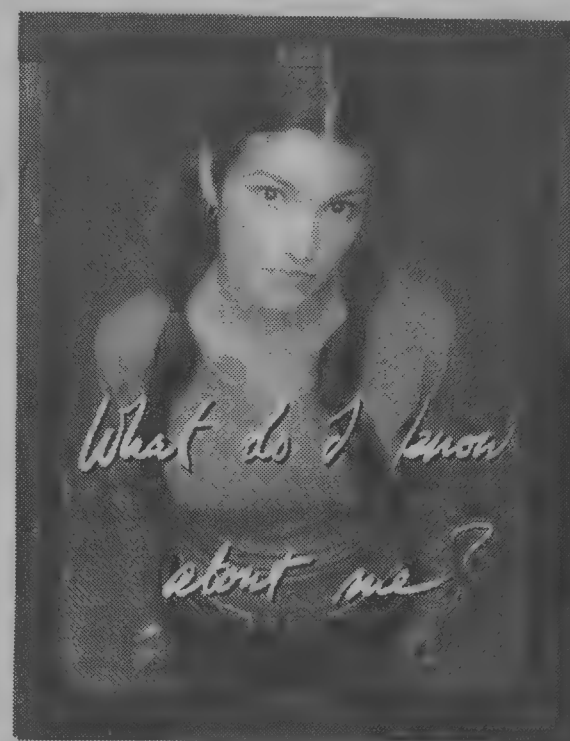
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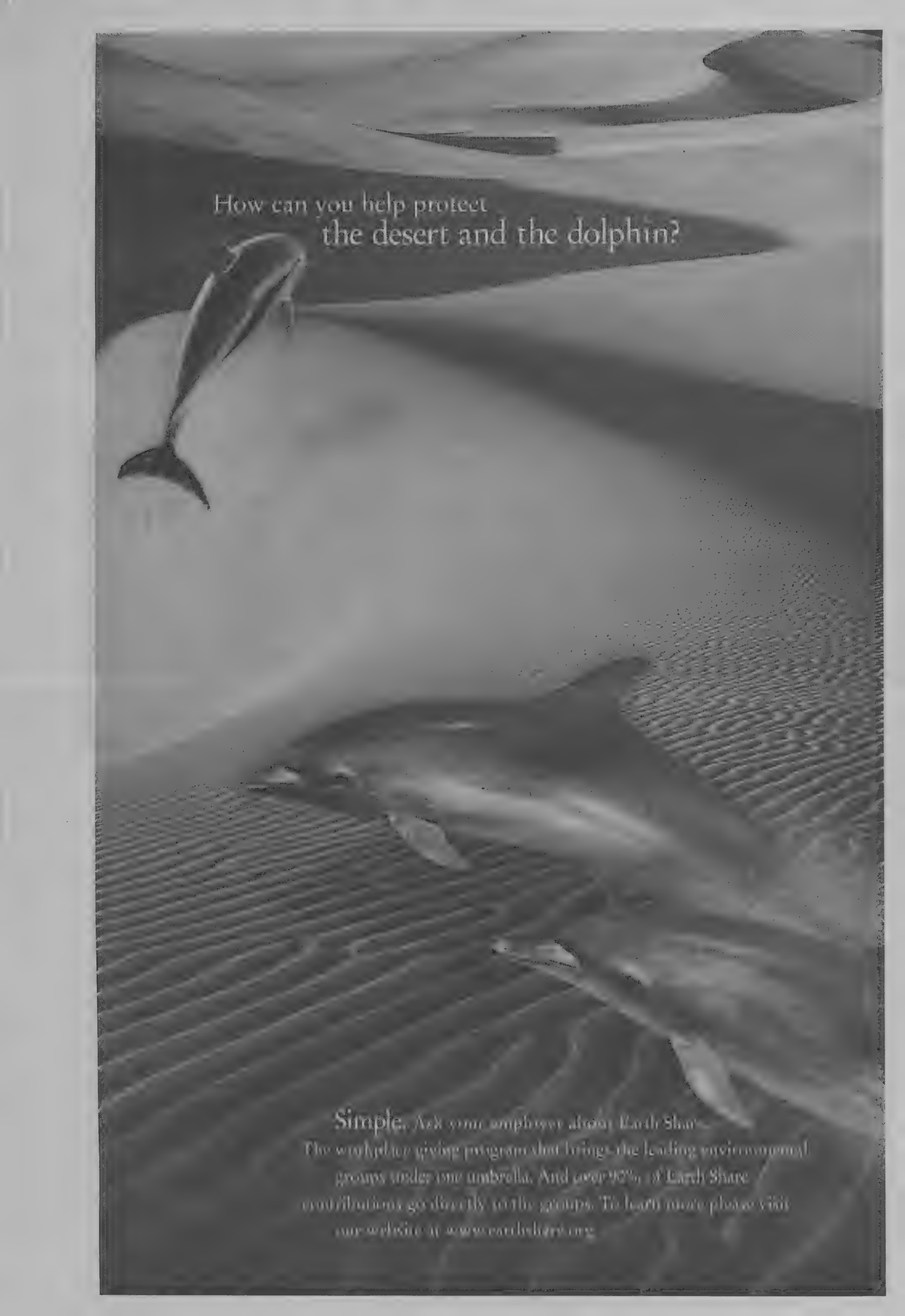
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Ski Season Begins at Higher Ground with Dean Cummings and Crew

On Sunday, October 20th, Freeze Magazine's East Coast Movie Tour stops at Winooski's Higher Ground where there will be a screening of Matchstick Production's newest release *Ski Movie III: The Front Line*. Live music from Hot Action Cop and Razing Suns will follow.

Professional skiers such as: Dean Cummings, Seth Morrison, Brad Holmes and many others will be at the show signing posters and giving away free gear and stickers. One of the world's premier big mountain skiers, 1995 World Extreme Skiing Champion, Dean Cummings was kind enough to give me a little bit of his time for some Q and A. He talks about his traveling the world skiing the sickest terrain, running a company, Dean Cummings' H2O Heli-Guides, and everything else that goes with the territory of an elite skier.

NR: How was touring with the prior Ski Movies? Is there a rock

star feel among the skiers?

DC: Yeah, in a way it is. Seth (Morrison) and I signed 3,000 posters last year in nine days. It's amazing what people want you to sign, I mean some girls want you to sign things that you wouldn't consider.

NR: Where did you ski for your segment of the film?

DC: Argentina, it was awesome. We got stormed out so we only filmed a little bit but it was incredible; the mountains there are amazing. We spent ten days in a storm and got two days of skiing in, so it was short days of skiing, but we got a little bit of (film). It was more about being in the Andes, it's a really impressive mountain range and the people down there are really awesome, really sincere friendly people.

NR: Where's your favorite place to ski in the world?

DC: Valdes, Alaska, it's the best skiing in the world. Of all the places I've been so far nothing

compares.

NR: How did your company, Dean Cummings' H2O Heli-guides, get started?

DC: We fly in the Chugach mountain range in Valdes, Alaska, which is bigger than the state of Rhode Island and is made up of unnamed peaks, we get about 45 to 85 feet of snow.

NR: You really try to be an inspiration to the youth, and to further that you started a non-profit organization called "Experience the Mountains"; what does that involve?

DC: I started that program to teach the younger kids how to recognize avalanche hazard. We raise money by doing events like the Ski Movies, Ski Swap, and donations. The kids go to an evening class on snow safety, then the next day they have a full day of heliskiing. There's hands on learning with the kids digging snow pits, looking at route selection, knowing where to be and where not to

be, as well as glacier travel.

NR: In last year's Ski Movie 2: High Society, Seth Morrison, Shane McConkey, and yourself constructed a house boat and went on quite the adventure, how was that?

DC: We went out of Vancouver, (British Columbia, Canada) up the coast to go heli-skiing in an area I had never skied before on the ocean side of Belacula. It was incredible, it wasn't the best skiing but it was the best trip of my life.

NR: Given the fact that VT's pow' is so much better than the pow' in Valdes, AK, you must love to come out East and ski.

DC: Yeah I do, I come out a lot for product development and testing, and also for different events, product launches and stuff, and also for shop appearances.

You know I do love it, I love setting an edge at high speed, I guess that's what I like the most

about skiing there (East Coast), and every once in a while you get a surprise storm and its fun to ski the trees. What impresses me most about the East Coast is the motivation and the ambition people have for skiing there. I go to all these movie premiers on the West Coast, and it doesn't compare to the East Coast. People drive six hours to go to a Ski Movie on the East Coast. They're ten times more ambitious about skiing than people are on the West Coast. And you guys don't take it for granted at all, that's what I notice. That says a lot for the east coast, the respect people have for the sport.

NR: Do you like coming to Burlington?

DC: Burlington is a lot of fun. On last year's tour it was the stop we had the most fun at, and it might have been the biggest. It was awesome; we had a great time there.

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Stunzi Among Elite Sailing in US

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of the races and whatever unannounced expense might meet him on his way to The Games.

Another part of the campaign brought him to Keil, Germany this past summer to compete in a Level 1 Regatta with a field of 75 boats and an average age of competitors being between 28-30 years old.

"All of these people we are competing against are quite a bit older than us and great sailors. Most of them have two or three Olympic medals each. There is also a big difference between experience, where we have a few months sailing Tornados, these guys we race against have 12 years."

Hunter gained more valuable experience within the past month when he competed in the Tornado World Championships held in his home state in Edgartown, MA.

The competition features five rigorous days with two races per day. Early on in the week Hunter broke his mast disabling him from racing for the remainder of the week.

Stunzi, a member of the UVM sailing team, looks to help raise money with the team in order to double the size of their 20-boat fleet.

Stunzi realizes the conflicts he runs into with juggling going to school, campaigning for the Olympics and just be a 19-year old guy. However, it is possible for this extremely determined and self-motivated to accomplish if he sets his mind to it. And as of October 4, 2002, he has. We'll see you in Athens in 2004, Hunter, and don't forget to write.

UNH Trounces UVM 10-0



Bryson "Buzzy" Busniuk works his way up the ice Saturday night against UNH. Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

MEN'S HOCKEY

By ANNA CAPUTO

The University of Vermont's Men's Hockey team has not beaten the University of New Hampshire's Men's Hockey team since October 19, 1996.

The streak was extended through Saturday when UNH beat UVM 10-0 in the first game of the year for New Hampshire and the

second for Vermont.

UNH, who went to the Frozen Four last year, played very well last night, beating UVM to the puck and generally out-hustling and out-stickhandling a frustrated Catamounts squad.

New Hampshire had three goals in the first period, five goals in the second period and two goals in the third period.

"That's a pretty good team,"

Cats Finish 9th at NECCC

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Michele Palmer finished sixth at the 2002 New England Cross Country Championships held at Franklin Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

Palmer finished the course in a time of 17:36, her best of the season, and led Vermont to a ninth

place finish as a team out of 42 total squads. Boston College's Maria Cicero won the race with a time of 17:07 and the #6-ranked Eagles took home the team championship. Tee Gingras (38th-18:30), Katy Jackson (83rd - 19:08), Bethany Brodeur (108th-19:23) and high-light UVM's ninth place finish.

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said Vermont coach Mike Gilligan. "I don't think they're nearly as good as we made them tonight. We came out of the locker room beaten. Our guys didn't feel like they were good enough to beat this team."

One-minute and 44 seconds into the first period, UNH Captain Patrick Foley put one past UVM netminder Travis Russell, who was in his first collegiate game ever.

New Hampshire proved too strong for the Vermont defense, and New Hampshire's first line of offense, Lanny Gare, Josh Prudden and Colin Hemmingway, had three goals together in the second period. All three coming off the stick of Gare, from Prudden and Hemmingway.

UNH scored three of their goals on power plays, going three for four all night. Vermont was not able to capitalize on any power play opportunities, going a disappointing 0-4.

UNH goalie Mike Ayers tallied his first shutout of the year, making 28 saves throughout the

game, all of which came in either the first or second period.

UVM goaltender Matt Hanson relieved Russel late in the second period, after UNH had scored their 6th goal and was able to make 4 saves for Vermont.

Russell had 15 saves for Vermont. Vermont takes on a strong Boston University team in Boston this Friday at 7 pm and will have to pick their heads up and start over after this disheartening loss to UNH.

In more positive news, Vermont's leading goal scorer last year, Patrick Sharp made his NHL debut for the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night against the Edmonton Oilers.

"A couple of months ago, I would not have dreamed of playing on the opening roster, but a couple of breaks came and I'm very excited," Sharp said.

Sharp, who has played center for most of his career, moved to left wing in the line-up to accommodate the center-heavy Flyers.

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Should He Stay or Should He Go?

Foley: Has anyone noticed of late that the UVM hockey team has lost some of its luster? A team that used to be a powerhouse is now lucky to reach double digit wins. The question must be asked, is it time for a new head coach? And the answer is in the team's record the last four years.

Casey: I don't think that replacing Coach Gilligan is the answer to UVM's hockey problems of late. The program as a whole needs to be rebuilt; after the 99-00 hazing debacle, UVM hockey took a hit, and the team's record reflects that. We lost some talent and recruiting power as a result of that season.

F: I agree that the team did take a hit from the hazing scandal but in part that was also Gilligan's fault. You must have some control over your team and you can't tell me that he had no idea about it. That would be like you saying you had no idea about the porn hidden under your bed. A key component to having a good college team is recruiting and with the talent that has come in of late it is easy to see that Gilligan has had trouble landing the big recruits.

I think you're living in the past a little bit. In '96 we went to the Frozen Four with basically a two man team.

C: Easy Killer, lets not bring semantics into this little argument. Anyways, the fact of the matter is that Coach Gilligan is a proven winner. When I'm sitting in the Gut, I don't see all that many ECAC titles. Gilligan won one in '96. What do you think about that, sally?

F: I think you're living in the past a little bit. In '96 we went to the Frozen Four with basically a two man team. The game has passed Gilligan by; his strategy of dumping the puck in the zone and changing it up is not a good offensive strategy no matter what your boyfriend tells you. All I ask is to see our team bring the puck into the zone and try to score. Is that too much to ask?

C: Look, even with his conservative strategy, Gilligan has managed to score a lot more than you have in four years of college. There is a reason that, no matter what kind of talent UVM has, every team brings their A game. UVM hockey demands respect in the NCAA, and that was earned by Coach Gilligan. **F:** The only respect they get from other teams is the ability to do superior hazing. I think I saw the team from Harvard beat them last year while doing their quantum physics on the bench. As for being conservative, how many times has a team won without scoring?

C: Just because you are all down in the dumps because you drafted Kurt Warner in the first round of the fantasy football draft doesn't mean that you have to take it out on me and Coach Gilligan. When I watch a UVM hockey game, the team always looks well-coached and plays sound defense.

F: The only type of defense the team played last year was by the starting goalie. We do need this team to open up more and I do think we have the talent to have a powerful offense. But until we actually carry the puck into the zone it looks to be another year of watching the bouncing puck and hoping it doesn't wind up in our net.

Stunzi Sails His Way to the Top and Athens

By SCOTT WOODRUFF
CYNIC SPORTS EDITOR

To be among the best sailors in the United States is not satisfying enough for Hunter Stunzi. He wants to prove that he is the best in the world by competing in the 2004 Olympic Games.

Stunzi, a freshman at UVM, has dedicated his past few summers to sailboat racing on the national and international level.

With enough money and experience, he and his sailing partner will be given the opportunity to compete at the Olympic level.

"If I am able to compete [in the Olympic Games] that would be such a major goal for me," said Stunzi. "To be the best Tornado sailor in the US is such an honor. There is also a lot of merit to go along with it. You get a lot of credit and recognition from other countries too."

Hunter's competitive sailing career began about seven years ago after he spent a few years at his local yacht club in the sailing community of Marblehead, MA.

In 1999, he graduated from a 14 foot monohull boat to a 16 foot Hobie Cat, which he learned to sail on by taking weekend trips down to Miami, Florida. This training with the Hobie 16 allowed him to compete in the 2001 Youth National Championships with a friend of his.

They won the entire thing and



Photo Courtesy of Peter Bentley

Hunter Stunzi (right) and Andres Straume race their Tornado in France this past summer.

received a place on the US Sailing Team.

That same summer they traveled across the Atlantic where a fleet of boats from 54 countries were piloted by the top eight sailors from each country. They came home for a few weeks to reorient themselves with the 14 foot 420 boat and then headed back to Europe for the Italy 420 World Championships. He was one of four boats representing the US and finished 54th out of 100

boats.

The summer of 2002 brought change for Stunzi and his sailing partner Andres Straume. After sailing under the head coaches of Dartmouth and Yale in the two international races the previous summer, Hunter received heavy recommendations from both of them to step up to a 21 foot Olympic class Tornado Catamaran. The Tornado is the fastest Olympic Catamaran and can reach speeds of up to 35 knots

or about 40mph.

"The Tornado is so dangerous and demanding, if you crash you can die," said Stunzi. "But we're committed and with the completion of our schedule and campaign we'll get to the 2002 Olympics, which is our goal."

Part of Hunter's campaign involves raising almost \$100,000 which would allow him to have enough funds to transport his boat, stay in hotels, fly to the locations

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Wallace and Hutchins Come Through For UVM

By ANNA CAPUTO

On Saturday the Vermont Men's Soccer team took on the Maine Black Bears and came out on top to bring their America East record to 2-0-0 (7-4-0 overall).

Vermont junior Ethan Hutchins started things off well for Vermont when he scored 11:28 into the game off of a pass from sophomore Ronan Keegan.

The Cats had five shots on goal in the first half while holding Maine to only 2 shots.

Vermont's first half play had Maine searching for answers. "Our guys came out flat in the first half and Vermont was all over us," said Maine coach Travers Evans. "We played better, with more energy in the second half." It took the Black Bears 60 minutes to finally put the equalizer past Vermont's senior goalkeeper Ryan Corry.

The momentum of the game changed in favor of Maine after that, but Vermont senior Matt Samer turned the game back around when he scored the game-winner 10 minutes later off of another great pass from Keegan.

Keegan was a key player in the game today and gave credit to the rest of the team as well.

"It was a hard game, but everyone played great today, and we kept it close to the end," said Keegan.

Vermont head coach Roy Patton was also very pleased with how the Cats played today despite



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor Tony Anderson celebrates his goal against UMaine.

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all of the other responsibilities of college life. "The boys today were very close to exhausted. They go for classes, they study hard and I was a little worried. But they played great and when the coaches, the bench and the fans got up and got into it, it really got the players going."

Sophomore goalkeeper David Sullivan came into the game in the 63rd minute and shut out the Black Bears for the rest of the game.

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Hessney Carries UVM

Sophomore Nets Game-Winner, Adds Assist



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor Nikkie Hessney is congratulated by teammates after scoring a goal.

Sophomore Nikkie Hessney netted the game-winner and assisted on the insurance goal as Vermont earned a 2-0 victory over Marist (1-8-0) in a non-conference match.

The two teams played through a scoreless first half. In the 84th minute Hessney's volley off a cross from Sara Jablonski found the back of the net to put UVM up 1-0.

Five minutes later, Hessney sent a pass across the six-yard line to teammate Lauren Donagher. Donagher was able to finish it off

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for her third goal of the year.

Senior Brooke Fairbanks made five saves in the Vermont net to pick up her second shutout victory in three games. Mellanie Nai made one save for Marist.

On Friday, Senior Sarah Olsen's header off of Ali Gombar's corner kick with 1:40 remaining in regulation was the difference as the Cornell Big Red (5-2-0) defeated Vermont, 1-0, in a non-conference contest.

The two teams played through a scoreless first half. The Catamounts had few scoring opportunities as most of the action took place in the midfield.

Cornell's Kara Ishikawa fired a shot off the cross bar in the 83rd minute and Olsen finally was able to find the back of the net in the 88th minute.

Fairbanks was outstanding in net making a season-high seven saves in the Catamount net. Katie Thomas made three saves in the Cornell net to earn the shutout victory.

The Big Red outshot Vermont 24-7 in the match.

Vermont (3-8-0) continues its four game homestand on Friday, October 11 when the Catamounts host America East newcomer Binghamton at 3:00pm at Centennial Field. -Sports Info.

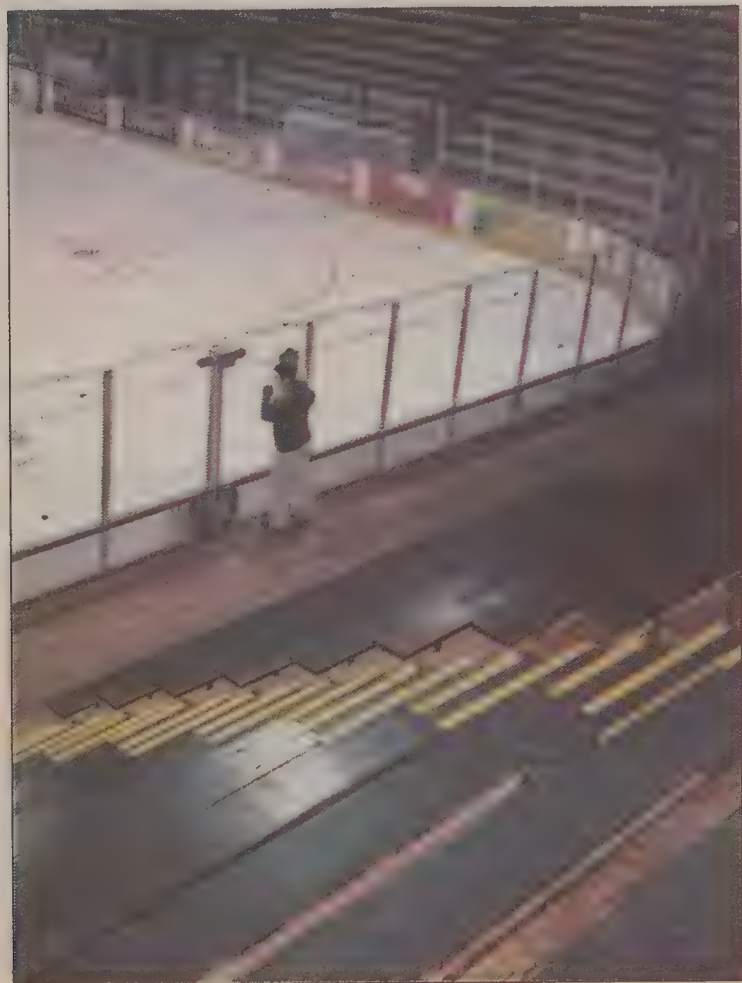
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UVM Focuses on Fan Attendance



Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

A dedicated fan brings the fan fever to a boil; the bleacher intensity at most sporting events is enough to tear the roof off Gutterson.

By Scott Woodruff
Cynic Sports Editor

Picture the scene at the last Men's Hockey game that you attended against nationally ranked University of New Hampshire: Loud chants of "U-N-H! U-N-H!" within the confines of a sold-out Gutterson arena.

You checked your ears to make sure what you were hearing was correct, and much to your

dismay it was. Coming from a sea of loyalty, devotion, pride and spirit were these chants of visiting fans rooting for the visiting team.

The 150 UNH faithful out-cheered the 3500 UVM fans en route to a 10-0 victory. The UVM Athletic Marketing Department headed by Krista Balogh is looking to change all of this.

She cannot change the score to the hockey games, but will make an attempt to increase the

'Fan support is important and it's an obvious advantage.'

-Andy Miller
junior

spirit and enthusiasm of fans of UVM athletics at upcoming home games. Balogh sees things such as the Kitty and Charlie Catamount Club as an excellent way to get students involved in fan participation.

"We are looking for people to join the Kitty and Charlie Catamount Club where they would be volunteering to wear the costumes during the games," said Balogh.

"These students would attend those games for free and possibly even those games that they are not wearing the costume."

Balogh is looking to organize a "spirit" group of students to attend games, and lead positive cheers throughout the game. This group of 10-15 students would wear spirit tee-shirts and would rally fans together. They would also receive comp passes for all the home games of that sport for the season.

"Fan support is important and it's an obvious advantage when trying to decide the outcome of a game when you have it," said junior Andy Miller. "The team will play up to the level that the fans bring them to."

"[Support from fans] is just great for the team," said Men's Soccer player Ethan Hutchins.

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Bramley Officially Appointed Provost

The Committee of the Whole of the UVM Board of Trustees voted unanimously today to approve the appointment of John Bramley to the position of senior vice president and provost.

This appointment was recommended to the board by UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel. "John Bramley has done outstanding work as interim provost and has proven his extensive talents and immense value to this institution time and time again," Fogel said.

"After consultation with the Faculty Senate Executive Council and with the deans, and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, I have decided to regularize his appointment as senior vice president and provost."

Fogel indicated that within his administration the provost will be unambiguously the second in command, representing him in his absence, and serving not only

as chief academic officer but also as chief operating officer, with direct authority over the internal operating budget and space allocation.

"Because of my own career-long commitment to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and open search processes, I only determined to make this direct appointment after weighing with great care the cost of not conducting a search against the benefits of stability and continuity," Fogel stated.

"I concluded that the latter far outweighed the former, particularly when augmented by the additional benefit - for a campus that has just transitioned to an externally appointed president - of having a provost who has been deeply immersed for many years in the life of the institution."

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Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

Kristine Lilly, US Women's National Soccer Team, signs a fan's shirt on Thursday. Lilly was on hand to benefit the Jarred Williams Foundation.

Bernie Sanders Speaks Out About Vermont Issues

By MIKE BANYAS
Cynic Staff Writer

The subject of Bernie Sanders evokes a variety of opinions that range from favorable to ones of hate.

The cordial opinions include "Bernie cares about his constituents", "He fights for the people of Vermont", and "His independence is what makes him an effective member of Congress".

The hateful remarks consist of "Bernie's a communist", "He sucks as an individual", and "He's a hypocrite". Watching Bernie Sanders give a speech to group of students eating lunch at Cook Commons, Congressman Sanders is yelling into a microphone spewing a variety of criticisms

towards both the White House and the Republicans concerning college loans, prescription drugs, Iraqi and U.S. Foreign policy.

Some student's take a moment from eating their food to listen, and other students ignore him. What is evident from the crowd is while people may know Congressman Sanders, many in the crowd do not know what he does in Washington DC.

Congressman Sanders is a ranking member of the House Subcommittee for IMF funding, he has fought for better prescription drug coverage and has even gone as far as busing Vermont Senior Citizens into Canada to buy cheaper drugs.

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The Croatia Connection: Andrea Rutnik Shares Experiences and Impressions of U.S.

By MOHIRA SUYARKULOVA
Cynic Staff Writer

I saw the barren land of Vrljka, white rocks and the houses made of those white stones among which snakes and lizards dwell. I saw men and women dancing... in silence. There was no sound of music, no singing, just the rhythm created by people's stepping on the ground heavily. The moment was magic and mystical, for I have never seen anything as gracious and festive in my life... I saw that image as I was listening to Andrea describing the home village of her mother.

Andrea Rutnik is 22 years

old. She was born in Osijek, Croatia. Andrea studies philosophy and religion at UVM on the Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program.

M: Andrea, why did you decide to apply for this program and spend a year of your life living and studying in the US?

A: I wanted to come here to have a different experience. There is so much stuff that you hear about America, both good and bad. So, I wanted to give it a shot and see how I will fit in this big country. I am also trying to get more whole picture of the world. In order to do this it is good to have as many

experiences as you can possibly get, so that you can have more knowledge when choosing paths you are going to take in your life. M: What were the differences, if any, in ways of life that surprised or even shocked you that you found in the US?

A: I was actually more surprised about how many similarities I have found. When you make this big trip to the other part of the world, you expect some kind of shock. So I was looking out for some striking differences but there weren't any! I was surprised about that.

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We Can Work It Out

Are you deliriously tired at the moment, highly discouraged from persevering through one more day?

Have midterms been sucking out your lifeblood and leaving you an empty shell submerged in a puddle of your former self?

Hey, me, too!

If you find that you are yet another victim of feeling awash in a sea of overwhelming responsibility you have no real interest in upholding, fear not.

For you are not a rare breed of useless kid; you are, in actuality, the traditional college dunder in the midst of a half-empty semester.

Everybody, dear ones, right now feels like they have made the wrong decision in pursuing higher education.

Such is the nature of the beast, the current animal-in-question being that of seemingly endless lines of offensive assignments to tackle.

So say it with me now, people: we shall overcome.

It is my solemn vow that you will feel better by leaps and bounds in but two weeks if you just see yourself through with slightly extended hours of work versus play and the corresponding burn without the crash.

In two weeks or less, fellow UVMissaries, most of your toughest academic battles will be surmounted and you shall emerge the victor.

Slightly more tired, no doubt, but all the more wise and well in control of future

study plans and consequent positive results.

Roll up your sleeves and try, try, try again throughout the next two weeks.

Do so, if not for your own personal integrity, for the nice people paying your tuition, be they relatives, the college, the state or the country.

And if for nothing else, do so because the ensuing parties following two to three solid weeks of work will be sweeter than any baked good in the land.

Hey, I know, I know it hurts. I have the grey matter to prove it.

But I will do whatever is in my power to actually act out my goals and not just say I will, because I want the good grades that come with two weeks of sleepless, homework-filled and ulcer-producing nights.

Yes, the elbow grease necessary to produce complete and quality work is hard to come by; I argue you not.

However, I urge you to tap every natural resource within your very cavity in order to harvest them smarty oils.

Guarantees that your giving up and accepting failure will disappoint you to the worn bone fly this way and that and coat your very skin, penetrating deeply into your weary mind.

You know, your mind, that li'l guy/gal who struggles in the face of all oppression and stays up for years at a time in order to fuel the S.S. UVM student.

So as not to lay him/her to waste as he/she has never let you down, do yo' work, keeid, and let them As roll on up.

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A's

-To understanding professors who allow people extended time to complete assignments when they have reasonable explanations for why the paper cannot be written/the exam cannot be taken by the originally given day.

-To the fine folk who register our budding young UVMissaries to vote. You guys rock (the vote).

-To the really funny kids who make even the worst situations hilarious to the point of incurring agonizing pains in the sides of anyone with ears who comes near them. You are true delights to be around precisely because you have no shame.

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F's

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School Policies Throw Curveballs

To the Editor:

As the time to sign up for classes quickly approaches, I am reminded of how exciting this process can be.

However, when I glance over my coursebook and realize just how many requirements there are, my interest wanes a little bit.

I have no quarrel with the University for wanting its students to attain breadth and versatility—no, my argument comes from the loopholes that litter the little green book.

I love art, but I cannot take an art class unless I am an art major.

I would like to improve my guitar abilities, but lessons cost extra money and only give me one credit at a time.

Then there is the element of relevance.

I am referring to gym classes.

Don't get me wrong, I love to exercise—but that's just it: those of us who like to cycle, ski, run, climb, etc. are going to keep doing it.

Those of us who don't, simply aren't (aside from the mandatory gym classes).

Moreover, for a University facing financial ills, it would be more practical to cut money from a P.E. department and put that money back into programs that have fallen victim to lack of funds, i.e. the Track Team.

Who knows, maybe redistribution of funding would even free up a spot for an art class. Oh-wait...

Kevin Lenfest II
Class of 2005

Discuss Amongst Yourselves

To the Editor:

I applaud William Huling's sentiments in the Sep. 24 op/ed piece "Them's Fightin' Words" and agree that it is important that we establish some kind of middle ground here at UVM.

But I disagree with his method.

By dismissing extreme viewpoints with the assertion that "the freedom to speak does not automatically make you worth listening to," Huling is adopting the very attitude of his radical leftist and rightist foes.

It is exactly this unwillingness to listen, the tendency to close oneself off from varying perspectives, that makes extremists so frustrating, and as we've seen tragically illustrated in the past year, what can often make them so dangerous.

I recently had dinner with a more innocuous extremist, a member of UVM's chapter of the International Socialist Organization and an old high school friend.

Our conversation inevitably led to

socialism, and what struck me most was not the extremism of his arguments but rather his refusal to listen, his failure to consider another person's ideas before launching back with more defensive rhetoric.

Though it was just a friendly dinner, the evening deteriorated into a head-butting session rather than a casual exchange of ideas.

As compelling as the desire is to silence some of the UVM community's more irritatingly vocal members, it is the responsibility of the middle ground to remain open to them and to discern the merits of differing perspectives.

If we really want to curb extremism here at UVM, we can do it by listening, considering other viewpoints rather than leaping to defend our own, and by encouraging discourse rather than fueling dispute.

Deborah Press
Class of 2004

In All Seriousness

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the UVM president, residential life, and police services.

As of this year, many of my less scholastic peers have been shipped off to detox for their "safety," and several more have been ejected from the school entirely to "save" the rest of us from their vile, fun-loving, Saturday night-partying ways. Thanks UVM.

Last year, I entered UVM as a freshman, hoping to spend all of my time studying, drinking pop, and watching pg-13 movies.

Unfortunately, many of my peers feel differently about what UVM should be.

They feel like doing nothing but studying; to them, acting wholesome is kinda boring, and they desire to have more "typical" college student fun.

They like to drink beer and go out to parties where there may be loud music, maybe even with heavy bass.

Shame on them.

However, last year's gloriously corporate and police protected "420" celebration marked a turnaround for this great university.

Since then, "fun" has been on the steady decline, and those raucous parties are finally being put to a stop.

Furthermore, the menace of students walking around Burlington at night is being curtailed, thankfully, by the UVM police's vigorous application of breathalyzers.

Maybe soon we will all be safe from all that noise, youth and energy.

I hope things are going to continue just as they are.

Soon the streets will be safe for babies and old women at all hours of the night, and all signs of adolescent rebelliousness will be squashed by the forces of law and order.

Julian Brizzi
Class of 2005

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Gierzynski-It's a Household Name

On Nov. 5, students who are registered to vote will be asked to make a very important decision. Their vote is important in many ways besides that there is an important gubernatorial race in this state because one of the candidates for State Representative in Burlington is Dr. Anthony Gierzynski, a Professor of Political Science. For the last month, Dr. Gierzynski has been going door-to-door with the UVM College Democrats in the dorms and to off-campus neighborhoods registering students to vote and discussing what issues are important to them.

Dr. Gierzynski is running with Nancy Kirby, a local Burlington business woman, as the Democratic candidates for State Representative. They are running against two Progressive Party incumbents, David Zuckerman and Bob Kiss, who have held these two seats for the last several elections.

What is important and respectful about Dr. Gierzynski's running for office is that he is running for his students' and the local community's interests that have been neglected in the State Legislature. For the past 11 years, Dr. Gierzynski has been a Burlington Resident and Professor of Political Science at UVM and has witnessed how his students' interests are underrepresented in the legislature. Dr. Gierzynski has seen students and the University suffering from a lack of appropriate state funding, the Progressive party seducing the student vote with false promises and the tuition costs rising within the University. Another issue that is being drafted in the House that antagonized Dr. Gierzynski to run for this office is the proposal to not allow non-resident students the privilege to vote in Vermont. Currently, the

House Republicans are drafting a bill to revoke Vermont non-residents, specifically students, the privilege to vote in Vermont. The Republicans' motives for doing this proposed bill are because they know that when students do vote, they primarily vote Democratic.

What is more interesting about this candidate is that throughout school, students sit in class and listen to their professors speak about theory and examples they have read from books. In this situation, the candidacy of Dr. Gierzynski, the professor of domestic politics is getting into the position of entering politics as a player and not just as an observer. If elected to the State Legislature, Dr. Gierzynski will not abandon his job at UVM, but will fit his full-time teaching schedule around the legislative schedule. This vow shows dedication to his profession, his students, the university and his research. If anything, the University and its students will benefit greatly from his election because UVM would have a representative seeking to uphold UVM interests in the State Legislature. After all, do you think that David Zuckerman and Bob Kiss really care about UVM students? They have not before, so why should they start now?

For information, any questions or where to register to vote for the upcoming election, Dr. Gierzynski's e-mail address is agierzyn@zoo.uvm.edu and his office is in room 513 in Old Mill. More information on the state races, getting involved in politics and registering to vote can be found at www.uvm.edu/~uvm Dems.

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Equal Rights: Coming to a World Near You

Recently, I wrote that UVM's conception of multiculturalism was patronizing to minority students. Unsurprisingly, my views were deemed racist. I understand that people disagree, but intelligent replies bridge gaps only widened by label-tossing. To accept only palatable views and slap down all others as hateful will do nothing to further understanding. This is symptomatic of the wider problem of the issue, namely the double standard that places specific viewpoints and groups above reproach and bullies dissenters into silence. Nothing illustrates this point better than reverse racism.

Jesse Jackson, the self-appointed voice of Black America, once labeled New York 'Hymietown' as a jab at perceived Jewish influence. Demagogue Al Sharpton railroaded white police officers for raping teenage Tawana Brawley. When her charges were proven patently false, he issued no apology. Louis Farrakhan called Jews 'bloodsuckers' and asserted that 'whites are potential humans...they haven't evolved yet.' New Jersey's poet laureate, Amiri Baraka, used the anti-Semitic lie that Israelis were warned not to come to work on 9/11 in a recent poem (the honor was later rescinded). Bill McKinney, activist and father of Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, a Palestinian supporter who accused George Bush of complicity with 9/11, explained his daughter's Democratic primary loss in four letters: 'J-E-W-S.' These demagogues will continue to be feted and financed by white liberals, particularly academics, despite their bigotry.

Inaction in the face of such hatred is dangerous. Al Sharpton's inflammatory rhetoric contributed to the beating death of Yankel Rosenbaum during the Crown Heights riots and the arson deaths of seven in the Freddie's Fashion Mart fire. A

year after the tragic dragging death of James Byrd, Ken Tillery was abducted and killed by three men in the same small town of Jasper, Texas. While everyone recognizes James Byrd's death as a painful reminder that racism has not yet been eradicated, few have heard about Ken Tillery. Why? Because Tillery was white and his assailants were black. As in the case of Byrd, the crime was horrific and the sole motivator race. The only difference was the publicity.

When I assert that 'cracker' should engender the same rage that its disgusting counterpart does, I say this because racism has its consequences. White on black hate crime produces justified outrage. The increasingly common incidents of racially motivated black on white crime are rarely reported as such and almost never identified as hate crimes. Some try to justify it but most simply ignore it. We cannot do this any longer. We must assert

categorically that racially-motivated crimes are evil and that hate in any form will not be tolerated.

To stand up at one of America's most ethnically homogenous, most tolerant universities and assert that racism is prevalent rings hollow. Racism is not dead in this country, but it is beating a hasty retreat. If we are to eradicate it we cannot ignore overt racists such as Farrakhan merely because they are African-American while decrying what we judge to be covert racism from whites, whether or not it exists. Double standards will not produce equality. By tolerating unabashed racists, white liberal guilt perpetuates a patronizing soft bigotry that differs only in degree from that espoused by white supremacists.

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Yum Yum, Eat 'Em Up Good

Monday. 7:45, Talk Radio. 7:50, buzzer alarm. The driving sun heats my cell and I get out of bed against my own will. I do the morning thing and then trudge to breakfast, which is a rarity for most students. \$4.10.

Class occupies my time slot until 12:00pm. Hunger strikes swiftly like a ninja. I devour my \$7.10 meal at the dining hall and proceed to suffer from a food coma.

The rest of the afternoon is spent doing homework or not doing homework.

Next thing I know, it's time to eat again. \$8.10 at Simpson. Was it good? Not bad. I can't unnecessarily complain like most kids around here. I am now done with my eating for the day, unless I decide to hit up Simpson Store for later night munchies, which isn't all that common.

I have now paid a total of \$19.30. My plan is the all points, 1073 points, meal plan this semester. Unfortunately, I am only allotted approximately \$10.70 per day. My three meal habit is spending twice that amount in one day.

Right now I have in the ballpark of 230 points, and I don't think that my eating habits are extreme or excessive; in fact, I feel they are rather healthy. My stomach is in grave danger. These semester-long meal plans seem more like a half semester program, especially with the added dollar on select dining hall meals.

The other meal plans fall short

of feeding students for a whole year, also. There are about 100 days for on-campus students to utilize their meal plans. If a student chooses the 200 block meals and 175 points, then he/she ends up only having approximately 2 meals and 1.75 in points a day. 150 meals and 275 points per semester yield 1.5 meals and 2.75 points a day.

The worst yet is 100 meals and 375 points per semester. This student gets one meal and 3.75 points per day. You can get a whole lot of nothing for \$3.75 a day.

I don't even want to get started on the 850 points per semester. Carte Blanche is the only plan that will feed you all semester long, but of course it's the most expensive at \$1200.

Only one of these meal plans provides enough for the recommended three meals a day. I realize that the University does not guarantee to provide enough food for a student all semester, but the logistics of obtaining food outside of campus are not very practical. Most students do not have a car to take to the grocery store or have unlimited Cat Scratch for Big Daddy's once a day.

The University needs to keep in mind the students rather than the administration's own wallets when devising these meal plans or else I will strike swiftly like a ninja.

Lee Robinson is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Israel: Not Everyone's Promised Land

In his column "Why Israel Deserves America's Support" (Vermont Cynic, October 15), Russel Henderson states that since neither Egypt nor Jordan wants Gaza and the West Bank back, then the Palestinian people should 'acquiesce,' as well. Since neither Canada nor Mexico wants to occupy the US, we should then let the Chinese or Russians occupy this land militarily if they want to, right? Who cares about the US population's self-determination, right?

Henderson promotes Israel as a "liberal democracy." That is an outrageous delusion at best, and at worst, an insult to the concept of democracy. Since when has the definition of a democracy included denial of basic human rights to its own subjects? Or laws written specifically to prefer a certain class of the population and to discriminate against others? Doesn't a "liberal democracy" require the separation of Church and State which Israel lacks? Doesn't it also require the right to vote for ALL citizens, which Israel also denies? How about a constitution-does Israel even have one written? No, in fact they do not.

Henderson further asserts that the "occupied territory" issue is a myth. Well, in these "mythical" territories, there are over three million living, breathing human beings who have to live under subjugation every single day. If Henderson considers the accounts of brutality merely a myth, I'd like to invite him to live

in these areas among the Palestinians. Can he survive with only one-fifth as much water as the Israelis drink while the Israeli settlers around him live very comfortably in their freshly seized-then-renovated housing, complete (according to Israel human-rights group B'Tselem) with swimming pools, lawn fountains and irrigated gardens?

Food, education, medical and economic condition for the occupied people are even more dismal than the water situation, with people in Gaza surviving on less than \$1000 annually and over 60% unemployment rate, compared to Israelis' \$20,000/capita annual income. Not to mention the animal-like treatments the Palestinians receive daily from Israeli settlers and soldiers alike. Never mind that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "All human beings are born equal in dignity and status."

Can Henderson understand that a democracy does not deny liberty to anyone, a concept fundamentally incompatible with the notion of militarily occupying another people's land? To many nations all over the world, the way that Israel behaves is indeed very recognizable, and not as a "liberal democracy." The rest of the world calls that "colonialism": the bitter, humiliating pill that "Third-Worlders" had to swallow daily until our elders finally decided enough is enough. In South Africa, I believe that policies such as Israel's were

grouped under "Apartheid," something most of humanity rightly condemned. People who fail to see the similarities are usually those who profit the most from such systems.

Finally, there's the anti-Semitism charges pointed at those who dare to speak up against Israel's actions. I'd say that in addition to Arafat and his thugs, the label would be more appropriately applied to Ariel Sharon, his mercenaries and their supporters here. As Arabs and Jews are both Semitic peoples, killing Palestinian children is an act far more anti-Semitic than protesting against the Israeli government.

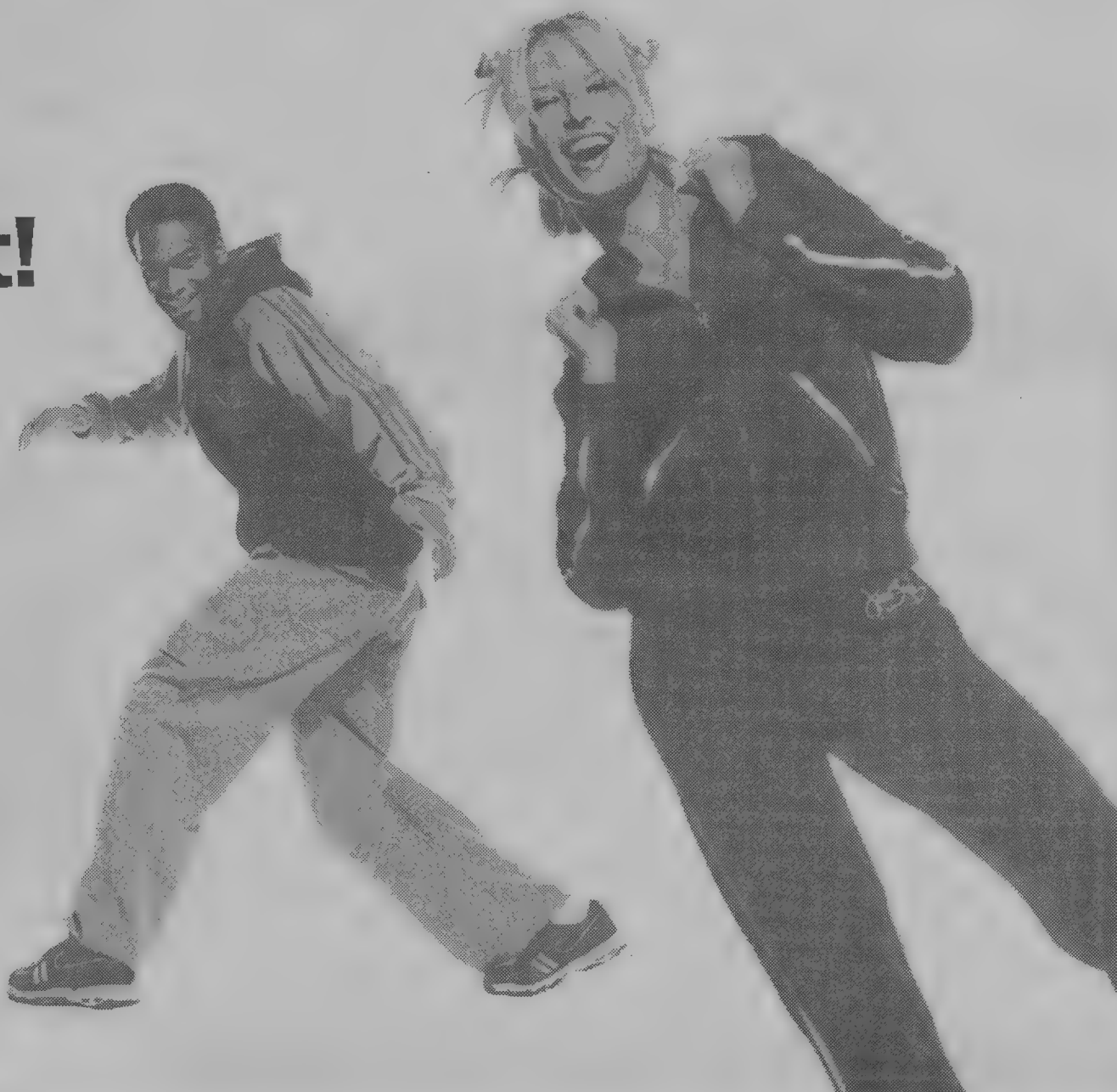
Both sides in this conflict are to blame for committing reprehensible acts toward each other. Whenever Israeli civilians get killed, I feel saddened that innocent lives are lost and that the Palestinians aren't any better than their oppressors. However, when I see Palestinians old and young murdered by Israeli soldiers, I feel responsible and ashamed because I know that that's my hard-earned tax dollars at work. Over three billion dollars in official US foreign aid to Israel works out to about \$1 in tax every two weeks that I get paid, just enough to pay for a bullet. Americans can, and should, refuse to send Israel this blood money every paycheck.

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Cynical Inquisition

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What do you
think the SGA
does and how
effective are
they?



"Until you told me, I didn't know who they are or what they do".

Andrew D'Aversa, 2005



"When I first got here I heard about them. I've seen signs around about them and I agree that they are very honest. But I think they should get men's track back".

Michael Chartrand, 2006



"I think they're doing a good job. Especially by informing us (students) about events through email".

Rachel King, 2004



"From what I know about the SGA they seem like they are doing a good job. Also, they appear to be very honest about where their money is going. Even if it is not fair, they are still truthful".

Kim Little, 2006

Rutnik Brings Experiences of War and Devastation to Vermont

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The only thing that really shocked me was the washing machines. I am sorry but I have to say this: they suck. Clothes do not get properly washed in them.

M: Then what do you like best about America?

A: I feel that diversity here is more allowed than in Croatia. You can choose your own way and don't have to be anxious whether people will accept it or not. That's what I like.

M: Tell me more about your hometown, please.

A: Osijek is a town of about 100,000 in population, situated in the plain, on the right side of River Drava. There was a settlement there in Roman times and part of the town goes back to Middle Ages. Many old buildings that are preserved make the atmosphere of Osijek romantic. People there are kind-hearted and somewhat melancholic.

Even when they are having fun they like to add some heart-breaking songs that draw tears to one's face. I think that it is a place where you can experience the beauty and the depth of sorrow. There is something in that surroundings that make it perfect for the times when you want to open your heart and cry on someone's shoulder. (Chuckles)

M: There was a war in Croatia; what was your experience of it?

A: The war began in summer 1991. I was 11 years old then.

My hometown Osijek was besieged from three sides and because of the constant bombarding, people had to live for many months in the basements of their houses and buildings. During that time I was in Osijek only for month or two.

My parents did not want my brother and me to be there so my father brought us to Germany and we stayed there with relatives for two months. Later we went with my mother to Slovenia and then to the seaside of Croatia, because there wasn't any shooting there. It was hard to understand why these things were happening.

I feared, not for my life, but for my parents' lives, because at that stage of your life the parents are really important to you and losing them was the worst thing I could imagine. I just wanted this nightmare to end as soon as possible so that we could return to our normal life. I wished I could go to school and see my friends again.

The most appalling thing I remember about that time is the fall of Vukovar, the town nearby to Osijek. It was completely surrounded for several months and bombed constantly.

There were only civilians in the city, many of them children, woman and old people that haven't seen the daylight for a long time. Its citizens, not skilled soldiers, were defending it and Vukovar wouldn't surrender. This gave hope to everyone. Sitting down in the basement we would regularly listen to a radio reports from the surrounded city. There was one reporter in the basement

'I cried the whole day after I have seen it in the news. I was a child so disappointed in the world community who did nothing to stop this from happening...'

of Vukovars hospital who was sending out news, telling us every day that even though the things are really tough, the city stands. All counted that help from the outside will be coming soon.

People expected UN to intervene and save innocent civilians' lives. It was in November and I was in exile in Slovenia when I have heard that Vukovar had fallen.

First pictures from the hero city after months of bombarding came - Vukovar ruined completely, not a single building left standing, pale sad faces of people, walking in the rows surrounded only by gray ruins. I cried the whole day after I have seen it in the news. I was a child so disappointed in the world community who did nothing to stop this from happening...

M: To what extent do you think things have improved so far? Is there still inter-ethnic hostility?

A: No. People realized that we have to move on, learn to compromise.

We were friends before and I believe that we'll be friends again. The hearts of the people everywhere are the same. They all basically wish just to have a nice place under the sky that they can call a home, and loving people around them.

It is politics that divide them, putting in their minds prejudices and ideas about all this differences.

People are naïve and often more willing to listen what the politicians say, than what their heart is saying.

The war is an ugly thing and those who try to convince you that it can bring good are liars. It brings so much destruction, pain and sadness that it is better to have decades of negotiations if necessary, than few months of the war.

We should all decide for our self whether we want to live in the world of peace, and if so we should demand from our leaders to be the peacemakers, and not the warriors.

I have read somewhere recently "When warriors are leaders, then you will have war". We must raise leaders of peace.

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Bramley Looks Forward to Opportunities as Provost



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John Bramley pauses for a moment in his office. As the University's new provost, Bramley will continue his work of interim provost.

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"John is, and will continue to be, a superb chief academic officer for UVM. He has my complete confidence and support."

"As interim provost, John Bramley proved to be a most dedicated and effective academic leader," added Dean Maglaris, chair of the board.

"He has earned the trust and respect of the board, and is the right person to drive UVM's efforts to sustain and strengthen our strong academic reputation. We're fortunate that he will be serving in this key leadership role."

Bramley has been a UVM faculty member since 1990 and served as a department chair, chair

of the Faculty Senate, and dean prior to being appointed interim provost.

Bramley said of his appointment, "I am very gratified by the confidence shown in me by the Board of Trustees and the president, and I intend to do my utmost to live up to their trust and high expectations."

Further administrative restructuring is being finalized and will include a number of national searches. A comprehensive articulation of President Fogel's organizational structure is expected early next week.

-Staff Report

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Bernie Focuses on Burlington Issues

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Congressman Sanders has been a supporter against the use of immediate military force in Iraqi and has fought for better federal funding for the homeless.

Within the last few months there has been a push by the White House to use force against Iraqi.

The Bush administration has been criticized for its desire to use a unilateral action, instead of going through the United Nations.

Congressman Sanders has been at the forefront advocating, "War is something we should avoid, and the President is not doing everything to avoid war."

A unilateral or preemptive strike would also turn our allies away from the US, particularly the Muslim countries who support the president's War on Terrorism.

"Allies feel that unilateral US action will fracture the terrorism coalition, turn off Muslim countries, and it will increase terrorism. These potential actions will give Osama Bin Laden evidence to stand up and say, 'See I told you so!'"

Other roles that Congressman Sanders has been working on in Washington include making housing more affordable.

As Mayor of Burlington in

the 1980s Sanders helped start the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS). The COTS program has helped find temporary housing for homeless or displaced people in the Burlington.

The program was such a success it won an award from the U.S. Department for Housing and is still in use today.

When asked if this issue pertained to the current Burlington Housing crisis, the Congressman said "Yes, but this crisis goes beyond Burlington and this state."

He stated, "Local communities do not have the resources to aid this crisis all over the state. Right now, I am working on the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund that has the support of over 3,000 separate organizations and over 200 cosponsors in the House."

"The subject of affordable housing is not within the capacity of most communities, and I foresee it being federally assisted"

In his speech at Cook Commons Congressman Sanders, spoke adamantly about the rising costs of College Education. He stated, "The federal government has not kept up with grants and aid to help assist individuals with the rising costs of college inflation. The government must make available more grants and expand this service to people."

Currently, the White House's 2001 budget, the President pro-

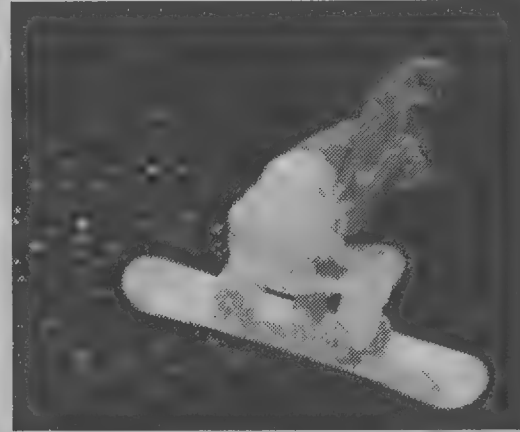
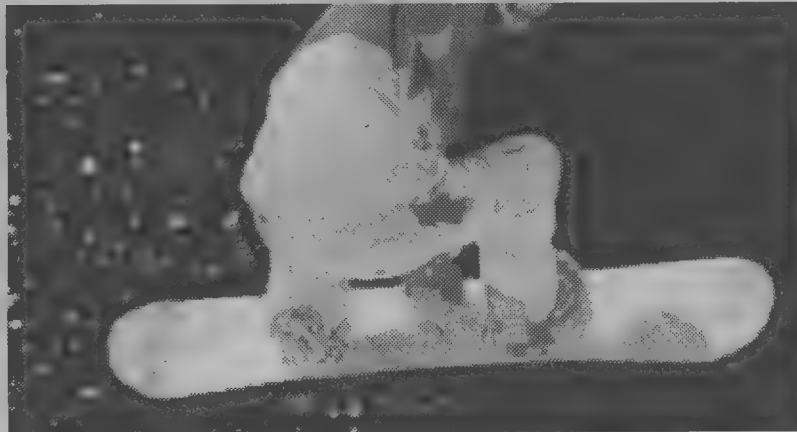
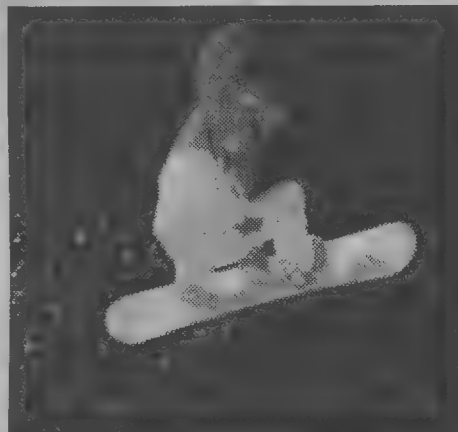
posed freezing funding for a series of student aid programs including Work-Study, Perkins Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, and Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships.

When asked if there needed to be an expansion of debt forgiving service programs such as Teach for America, which forgives college loans if students teach in a urban school for a number of years or AmeriCorps. Mr. Sanders responded, "There needs to be an increase in these programs, they help with the costs of education and help supply the labor shortages in certain areas."

Congressman Sanders is the ranking member of International Monetary Policy and Trade whose parent committee is the House Fiscal Services Committee. His Subcommittee focuses on federal monetary policy, currency, precious metals, the valuation of the dollar, and economic stabilization.

The last question was asked if he thought the Campaign Reform Law would hamper Grass Roots politics.

Congressman Sanders asserted, "Grass roots activism is about focusing on getting ordinary people involved with the process and that needs to be the main goal of this activism."



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Ranting and Raving

Parking tickets are on the rise. The judicial process has been changed, some believe, to squeeze even more money out of first time offenders (first time offenders also face the possibility of expulsion from the University). UVM's teachers enjoy the lowest salaries of all college level professors across the country and respond by holding fewer office hours and coveting an apathetic attitude toward their students. Who can blame them? It would not be surprising if UVM's professors left our campus for more lucrative career paths, or simply taught at a higher paying university. UVM has economically trapped its students and teachers in several ways, the least of which-for students-being the mandatory meal plan.

What choice do we have beyond the dining halls? The Marché is ridiculously overpriced. When did UVM realize they could completely exploit their students, and how long after they realized this did they act on it?

At least the SGA is still making a real difference in student life. I can't get through the day without seeing their contributions not only to my life, but the student body's life in general. Who would have ever thought that a group of very serious young people could so completely influence the social and academic dynamics of a major university? I'm not sure who accused the SGA of harboring minor politicians who obsess about university policy and influence, but they were unusually sarcastic.

Hey bikers and skaters: What's one plus two? Shut up, that's what! And while you're at it, keep to your side of the pavement or take a lesson from someone far better than yourselves (Jesus walked everywhere).

Hey bus riders: I'm sure that your conversations and ideas are important, but they can wait until you're off the bus, or you could just limit them to three words: wasted, like, and SGA.

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The Burlington Music Scene

Deep Banana Blackout and Yonder Mountain String Band

Burlington's music scene proves popular among fans, bands

By NICK RAHAIM
Cynic Staff Writer

Artist Spotlight

Burlington has one of the most eclectic music scenes in the country with a solid base of local bands whose music ranges from jams bands to jazz and from hardcore to hip hop. Bands from around the country make it a point to schedule Burlington as a stop on their tours, given that Burlington is one of the last strongholds of good music. It seems the plague of mass-produced hip-pop, punk-pop, pop-rock, etc. has not yet infected the masses here. Burlington is a hub for musicians who entertain, not entertainers who play music. The bands that travel here are fan friendly; they hang around before and after their shows, welcoming feedback from their fans.

I was lucky enough to talk with James "Fuzz" San Giovanni of Deep Banana Blackout, a funky-jam-rock band based out of Connecticut, and Dave Johnston of Yonder Mountain String Band, a bluegrass band hailing from Boulder, Colorado about their bands, their music, themselves and their thoughts on the Burlington music scene.

Both bands make Burlington a regular stop on their tours; Deep Banana Blackout played at Higher Ground on Oct. 10 and Yonder Mountain String Band has a two-night stand at Higher Ground on Oct. 25 and 26 which will be web-cast live at DCN.com.

Fuzz is a founding member and musical leader of Deep Banana Blackout, an eccentric character on and off the stage. One can't help but to have a good time listening and watching him play the guitar on stage or talking to him off stage (he'll talk to anyone who says, "Hi"). I was able to hang out with Fuzz and the rest of the band when they came to Higher Ground, where we threw a few back and enjoyed some of



Nick Rahaim/VC Staff

Members of Deep Banana Blackout get rowdy at Higher Ground.

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Fuzz said of the music scene in Burlington, "On a scale from one to ten, it's definitely close to a ten, as far as knowing there's always going to be a nice size crowd and an enthusiastic crowd at our shows. It's a college town where people seem to have more of a true interest in the music as

opposed to some places where people come out to just hang in the scene."

Dave plays banjo and sings for Yonder Mountain String Band. Dave said of Burlington, "Oh man! It's an awesome place to play; it's got great energy. The people there are really cool and they're really supportive of music."

You can tell that the people really love music. We really appreciate it because we know that the people are like us, real lovers of music."

If you're a patron of the music scene in Burlington, keep it up. If not, you don't know what you're missing. To all, keep your ears open. There are all types of musicians who come here and who live here. Keep your eyes open; there are fliers everywhere to let people know who's playing and where. Who cares if you haven't heard of a band? Check it out. A night at a show is usually better than a night in the dorms.

There is never a night in Burlington where there isn't live music to be seen. Between Higher Ground, The Flynn, Memorial Auditorium, UVM's own SA Concerts, other clubs, bars, and cafes that are too numerous to name all, there is always something going on.

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Aries**March 21 - April 19**

Midterms are this week. If you've already had your midterms, answer this question: *How many licks does it take to get to the center of a meatball sub? Well, what's your answer?

Taurus**April 20 - May 20**

I've been wondering about Woody Harrelson's career too. I was actually wondering what all those oxygen bars he owns are all about. Now I'm thinking of King Pin. Hahahahahahaha. Now Cheers. Noooooo. Now White Men Can't Jump. Yyyeaaaaaaahhhssssssaaaaa aaaaaiiiiiioooooo.

Gemini**May 21 - June 21**

Conan has been getting better. No, I don't mean like Roseanne's solo career better. I'm thinking of her rendition of the National Anthem. I don't do the Pledge of Allegiance because of the courts. All right, I never learned it.

Cancer**June 22 - July 22**

A sniper is on the loose and I can't account for my whereabouts. That's a serious topic, so here is something a little funnier: "Well the first time that I got it / I was just 10 years old / I got it from some kitty next door / Well I went and seen the doctor / And he gave me the cure / I think I got it some more / They give me cat scratch fever" Hahahaha. Senor Nugent es no muy malo, verdad? Digame la verdad!

Leo**July 23 - Aug. 22**

You're a victim of your own sexual frustration. You spend your days divided between crying yourself to sleep and masturbating. I'd like to help you break into the elite society of the greek system, but I refuse to hang around losers.

Take some time for yourself this weekend. Instead of wearing your Sunday sweatpants, go crazy and wear the Wednesday sweatpants! Ahahahahaha!

Virgo**Aug. 23 - Sept. 23**

How many times have you heard the words: "No, stop! No!" Well who hasn't heard those words? What? I was talking about Christina's new song. What did you think? Huh, I guess it works both ways.

Libra**Sept. 23 - Oct. 23**

Who isn't going to see "8-mile"? Oh, you can't? Why? Oh yeah, you "got a job". If you do go to see it I recommend meeting up with your roommate beforehand and partying...with extreme prejudice. Whatever.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 21**

I know you think that by visiting another school for the weekend you could avoid me. You will never be able to avoid me. Why did you leave me Amber? Why? We will be together, either now or later. Wow, that was...hot?

Sagittarius**Nov. 22 - Dec. 24**

Joey Lawrence can act like Mario Lopez can play Greg

Louganis. Remember Full House? Remember your childhood? Me neither.

Your week will consist of many humiliations, both public and private. Some good, some bad. Some red, some blue. Some old, some new. Wet leather...could be the name of a rock 'n' roll band.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 19**

So you're tired of living on Redstone? Or Wisconsin? Try setting some goals for yourself. Itemize them. Like:

- 1) Finish college
- 2) Turn your observations into stand up comedy
- 3) Rock so hard you do nothing but retreat to the warmth of a futon
- 4) Steak and cheese
- 5) Pizza
- 6) Milwaukee
- 7) Sleep

Aquarius**Jan. 20 - Feb. 19**

This week you will be written up by your R.A. I know this is the worst possible horoscope you could have, so I'll try to cheer you

up. How about...well, look at that. Looks like I can't think of anything to cheer you up.

Pisces**Feb. 19 - Mar. 20**

When will Lars from Metallica do any solo work? Oh yeah, Lars *really* sucks.

With Halloween approaching you will need a good costume. Don't let anyone mock your costume based on the last song written by Fugazzi. They don't understand art, and they never will. You should criticize their costume based on Chris Elliot's appearance in "Backdraft". He wasn't in "Backdraft"? He should have been. I mean...come on. Seriously. Anywho.

(* means: Linda I've known you for three years and I think we're ready. I really love you baby. Will you marry me? I would prefer a rock 'n' roll response. Something with a very dirty beat and mean guitar riffs in a public setting. *See Aries.*)

Quotations From
Celebrities

"Why does the Air Force need expensive new bombers? Have the people we've been bombing over the years been complaining?"

-George Wallace

"If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt."

-Dean Martin

"Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water."

-W. C. Fields (1890 - 1946)

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7p.m. to 8p.m. — TALK: Tales From A Crip. Laurel Pitts, an alum of UVM, current graduate and staff person, will share some humorous perspectives on disability and life in general. Come join Laurel in a night of insight with a slightly different bite. North Lounge, Billings Student Center. Information: 656-3368

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Noon to 2p.m. — WOMEN'S SOCCER:

vs. Boston University. Centennial Field. Information: http://www.uvmathletics.com .

12:30p.m. to 2:30p.m. — FIELD

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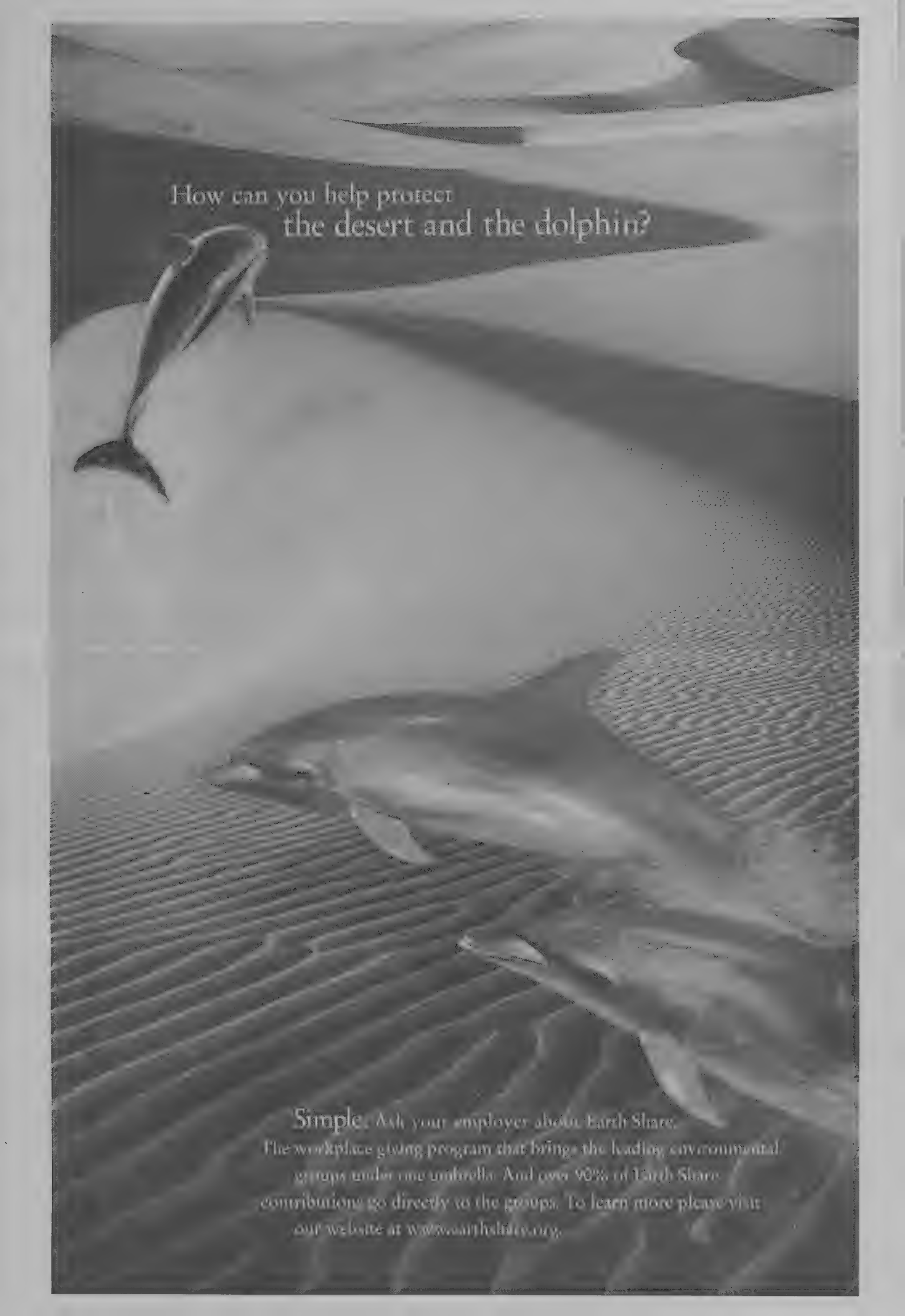
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UVM Spirit Is in Your Heart and in Your Hands

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others had painted nittany lion paw prints on their jeans, dyed their hair blue, painted their half naked bodies, and talked on their PSU cell phones.

Goose and I exchanged astonished glances throughout the week-end when we shared a culture shock from the amount of unconscious school spirit we were experiencing from everyone at PSU.

We don't need a nationally ranked football team or a UVM cell phone to publicize the pride we all should have for our school. It doesn't take an outside effort; the spirit is in our hands with the potential to broadcast spread it.

The homecoming effort on everyone's behalf at UVM was mediocre at best. The spirit on any day that isn't homecoming is pathetic.

I am not saying we need to show our pride by sporting a catamount thong on the weekends, but it wouldn't hurt to be aware of what athletic teams are playing on any given day, or even know that it is homecoming weekend.

I realized that I am just as guilty as the next guy, but school spirit is a group effort. And with that group effort, you might look back on your weekend or even college experience and know that you showed everyone just how proud you were to be a University of Vermont Catamount.

Athletic Marketing Looks to Lift Student Participation



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

Charlie Catamount wants you and you should want Charlie too!

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"You can really tell the difference between home and away games. The attitude is so much more positive at home, which works to our benefit. Our crowd is awesome and they really help us all throughout our games. Great fans are crucial."

One of the challenges facing the attendance problem is the price of admission to attend games. For example: You go to

the women's soccer game on Friday and spend \$3 to get in and then you spend another \$5 for the men's hockey game on Saturday. Now you only carry your wallet to hold your Price Chopper card and what's left of your ID.

The athletic department is proposing the idea of tacking on an extra \$100 to the price of tuition for UVM which would make a student ID a season ticket to every game played all year

"You can really tell the difference between home and away games. The attitude is so much more positive at home which works to our benefit."

-Ethan Hutchins

long. No money exchange and it is dramatically cheaper than paying for every home game throughout the year.

Balogh also feels that it is very important to increase attendance at all UVM athletic games. Retaining those students who are attending games, and to create a higher level of desire to attend games, is important. Krista is working on many promotions with companies like Stowe Mountain Resort and a "Reach for the Seat" by Heritage Ford and Toyota which involves a ticket placed under a pre-selected seat that the winner could exchange for a gift basket containing gift certificates from local companies and shops.

Other promotions will include tee shirt giveaways and shoot-outs at basketball games. These will accompany the existing promotions such as the Zachary's Pizza giveaway to a randomly selected row at hockey, basketball and soccer games.

The athletic marketing department will look to increase an overall awareness of athletic events by using an old Student Government Association announcement board located in the Billings Student Center to announce upcoming games and events.

They will also look to utilize the idle time in between movies and programs on the UVM TV channel with a ticker of future games.

A key element to this plan, Balogh feels, is the lack of participation and awareness of the pep band. Many people are unacquainted to the benefits of a band at a hockey game that can set a mood during a game.

Part of the problem with that is that the band is experiencing low turnouts for tryouts and participation in the band. Marketing hopes to bring musicians of all kinds to the pep band. Participation by students will lead to a higher level of spirit, and if people know that they have a friend in the band, it will increase the chances that they would attend that hockey game.

But will all this effort in increasing attendance and spirit really change a play on the field, court, or ice? Not necessarily, but take the 2001-2002 Men's Basketball team which won the regular season America East title.

The team's success brought in more fans which potentially brought them up to a higher level because they felt the support of their fans, peers, classmates and many others behind them.

If all goes according to plan, many of these ideas and plans will have already taken place. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the Charlie and Kitty Catamount Club, start a spirit group or join the pep band, contact kbalogh@zoo.uvm.edu.

Men's Hockey Proves it Can Compete with Nation's Elite

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Kelley Rink.

BC's David Spina scored a pair of goals and Patrick Eaves had a goal and two assists as the Eagles moved to 3-0-0 with an 8-6, penalty-filled victory over the Catamounts.

Vermont is now 0-2-2 after its early-season, four-game swing through the best that Hockey East has to offer.

Vermont jumped out to a 1-0 lead just 94 seconds into the game when Scott Mifsud scored his first of two goals on the afternoon while the teams were skating four-on-four.

Boston College tied it 36 seconds later when Ned Harvern scored from the slot, with Chris Collins getting the assist. Time of the goal was 2:10.

After a parade to the penalty box, a sign of things to come, the Eagles took a 2-1 lead with a power-play goal by captain Ben Eaves at 12:33. Eaves' younger brother, Patrick, assisted on the goal, as did defenseman J.D. Forrest.

The Catamounts tied it a 2-2 late in the period with yet another power-play goal at 16:46.

Freshman Jeff Corey got his first of the year from his knees, sliding the puck past BC netminder Tim Kelleher while in front of the net. Ryan Miller, who dug the puck out from behind the net, and

Gerard Miller, who started the play from the point, assisted on the goal.

Boston College took a 3-2 lead with 30 seconds remaining in the first period when sophomore Ryan Shannon scored from right in front. Ryan Murphy and Dave Spina assisted on the goal, the only five-on-five tally of the period.

The Eagles added to their lead early in the second period with a pair of power-play markers in the first five minutes. Spina scored a 5-on-3 tally at 3:53 and Patrick Eaves scored a 5-on-4 goal at 4:38 to give BC a 5-2 advantage.

At that point, UVM Coach Mike Gilligan replaced Shawn Conschafter with freshman Travis Russell.

Moments later, Vermont scored its third goal of the game when another freshman, Joey Gasparini, scored his first of his career at 5:55 on the power play.

Longo picked up his second assist of the game, and defenseman Oriel McHugh recorded his second assist in as many games on the play. Gasparini banged in a rebound of a Longo shot as Kelleher lay prone in his crease.

Boston College recaptured a three-goal advantage at 9:11 of the second period on Spina's second goal of the game from just outside the crease, but the Cats made it 6-4 at the 14:30 mark on Brady Leisenring's first goal of the sea-

son.

The Eagles then made it 7-4 at 15:54 with a power-play goal from Tony Voce, assisted by both of the Eaves brothers, and then stretched the lead to four goals on Brett Peterson's goal on a shot from the point.

Mifsud scored his second of the game while Vermont was skating 5-on-3 midway through the third period. Miles then scored with 4:57 left in the third to make it 8-6, with Corey getting the assist.

Conschafter allowed five goals and recorded 13 saves for Vermont, while Russell allowed three goals and had 30 saves. Kelleher stopped 15 for Boston College.

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Lady Cats Finish Second

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Holy Cross College women's tennis team survived three days of tournament action and in doing so captured their first-ever New England Tennis Championship on Sunday.

The Crusaders dominated the tournament winning two of six singles championships and one out of three doubles championships.

Holy Cross made the finals in seven out of nine brackets.

Brittany Burns and Carrie Simmons won their singles championship and the duo of Brittany

Burns/Jianna Chew won the number three doubles flight for the Crusaders.

Vermont came away with second place, highlighted by Laurabeth Halter and Alie Taylor, who won their individual singles championships in the number two and six flights respectively.

New Hampshire finished a close third, highlighted by Jess Pasay, who won the number five flight singles championship, and the duo of Lensey Dixon/Jenny Witter, who won the number two flight doubles championship.

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We are UVM!

By Bret Weir

This past weekend my roommate, Goose and I set out upon a daunting journey in search of a school that reeked with more school spirit than that of our very own University of Vermont. We set out in my car with open minds and "The Two Towers" book on CD in the changer.

An empty case of Yodels, a yearning for Gandalf to be a relative of ours, nine and a half hours and 500 miles later we found the Holy Grail of school spirit: Pennsylvania State University.

Penn State sits just outside of nowhere and is located in central Pennsylvania where the word "deliverance" was set on repeat in my head as we traveled through it. The school is home to some 40,000 students who ooze with Penn State pride.

Friday afternoon brought Goose and I out to the streets of PSU where flocks of people were sleeping, eating, doing homework and practicing yoga while sitting on the sidewalk facing the main street that ran through the university. "What are you waiting for?" I asked one sorority girl as she inhaled half a bag of Doritos.

Next, Goose and I thought that a better perspective of school spirit might be found in the school's bookstore. We were slightly disturbed and amazed at what we found.

"The homecoming parade! I can't wait, our float is so hot this year!" she said as chips spewed all over the sidewalk and my shoes.

"What time does the parade start?" I inquired.

"Like, 6 o'clock."

I looked at my watch and it was 1:15.

Next, Goose and I thought that a better perspective of school spirit might be found in the school's bookstore. We were slightly disturbed and amazed at what we found. There was more kinds of Penn State underwear than you could imagine, every kind of tee shirt with the three letters P, S, and U on it.

We were lucky enough to have chosen a weekend on which the football team was playing a home game against Big-10 rival, Northwestern. The football team at PSU is the golden egg of the school as it is rich with tradition and is coached by the one and only Joe Paterno. Just to get two extra tickets to the long ago sold out game my friend, Ice Man, whom I was visiting, had to sell one of his kidneys and promise his first born to his roommates who weren't going to the game.

At the game we experienced 109,998 (110,000 less Goose and I) people all chant "WE ARE PENN STATE" in unison as the beloved Blue Band pep band kept everyone in tune.

Every student in attendance was wearing at least one piece of visible Penn State clothing, while

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Men Survive Hockey East Weekend

Conschafter has career game in BU tie

MEN'S HOCKEY

Vermont's Shawn Conschafter put in one of the greatest goaltending performances in recent memory as the University of Vermont men's ice hockey team continued its early-season swing through Hockey East Friday, playing the powerful Boston University Terriers to a 1-1 overtime tie at a sold-out Walter Brown Arena.

Conschafter finished with 42 saves, including one at the final buzzer on Brian McConnell, as the Catamounts bounced back from a 10-0 loss to New Hampshire last Saturday to earn a well-deserved tie against the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

"Shawn (Conschafter) was just fabulous tonight," Vermont coach Mike Gilligan said. "That was as good a goaltending performance as I've seen since he beat Clarkson up there in the playoffs two years ago."

Conschafter was brilliant throughout the game, but he might have saved his best for the five-minute overtime period, when he stoned BU's David Klema with a pair of pad saves and then preserved the tie with the save on

McConnell as time expired.

"BU is a really fine team," Gilligan said. "We were very fortunate to get some bounces and some great goaltending tonight to get out of here with a tie."

The Catamounts did get some breaks, but they also played an inspired hockey game against the team picked to win Hockey East.

Freshman Joey Gasparini, playing in his first collegiate game, was terrific, as were classmates Jaime Sifers, Phil Youngclaus, Jeff Corey and Baron Becker.

The first line of Brady Leisenring, Tim Plant and Becker was outstanding all night long, and Miles was brilliant offensively.

Add these performances to a great penalty-killing effort, holding BU scoreless in seven tries, and arguably the greatest game in Conschafter's career, and it all adds up to a well-deserved tie against one of the nation's top teams.

Boston University coach Jack Parker, one of the greatest college hockey coaches of all time, was so impressed with Vermont's performance, he went into Vermont's locker room after the game to con-



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

Thomas Hajek and the men's hockey team took on two of the most respected hockey programs in the nation this weekend.

gratulate the Catamounts on their effort.

Boston University took a 1-0 lead midway through the first period when junior Mark Mullen tipped in a shot from Freddy Meyer that just eluded Shawn Conschafter's glove and found the net just inside the left post at 9:31.

The Catamounts responded early in the second on the power play, with Jeff Miles tipping in a pass from defenseman Oriel McHugh at 3:17. Skating four-on-three, Scott Mifsud started the

play by digging the puck out of the corner before getting it back to McHugh at the point. McHugh, seeing Miles alone just to the right of BU goaltender Sean Fields, rifled a pass that Miles deftly deflected past the Terrier netminder.

On Sunday, the hockey team continued their tour through Boston and had an old-fashioned shootout with the seventh-ranked Boston College Eagles at

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Cats Beat Bison, Fall to Big Green



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

Stephanie Shield drives the ball in the pouring rain against Dartmouth.

FIELD HOCKEY

Christie Layden and Kristen MacDonald each scored once to lead the University of Vermont field hockey team past visiting Bucknell, 2-1, in a non-conference game Thursday afternoon.

Vermont controlled much of the action in the first half, outshooting the Bison 8-3. Layden converted a Vermont penalty corner at 14:08 of the first half to give UVM a 1-0 lead.

Bucknell took more control of the game in the second half and was able to even the score, 1-1, behind Meiko Boynton's goal off an assist from Cara Turner at 16:39 of the second half. MacDonald netted the game winner off a penalty corner with 6:16 left in the game.

Holly Colberg made two saves in the Vermont net to pick up

the win, while Sonja Wettergreen made seven stops for Bucknell.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for the Catamounts and moves them up to 5-11.

On Wednesday Dartmouth's Lauren Welsh scored the game's only goal just 2:39 into the contest as the Big Green defeated Vermont, 1-0, in a non-league field hockey game at UVM's Archie Post Field.

Vermont was playing only its second home game of the year. Difficult playing conditions made good scoring chances somewhat rare, as the driving rain made the natural grass field more and more slick as the game wore on.

Vermont returns to action on Friday, October 25 when it hosts Boston University in an important AE Conference game at 2:00p.m. at Post Field.

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Women's Soccer Downed by AE Foe Hartford

By ANNA CAPUTO

The Vermont Women's soccer team was not in top form when the Hartford Hawks rolled past them 4-0 in an America East Conference game on Thursday. The Catamounts had only four shots in the game compared to Hartford's 29.

Hartford Junior Jeanette Akerlund took six shots in the game and had three goals to tally a hat trick for the Hawks.

For Vermont, one great opportunity to score went about six inches wide of the net early in the second half. The Hawks also had some great opportunities due to some holes in the Vermont defense, but were not very accurate with their shots and were kept to only one goal in the second half.

Senior goalkeeper Brooke Fairbanks did a good job of keeping the net empty for about 25 minutes in the second half, and

WOMEN'S SOCCER

junior keeper Katie Duffy continued it when she came in with 19 minutes remaining, but with only 10 minutes left in the game, the Hawks carried the ball in past three Vermont defenders as Akerlund netted her third of off a pass from Sophomore Libby Wood.

Hartford goalkeepers Heather Hinton and Stephanie Doyle combined for the shutout for the Hawks.

U.S. Women's Soccer standout Kristine Lilly visited the game on Thursday and signed autographs and took pictures with fans.

Lilly was visiting Burlington as part of a fundraising event to benefit the Jarred Williams Foundation, an organization that trains youth peer leaders in substance-abuse prevention and leadership skills.



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Sarah Jablonski battles for the ball against Hartford on Thursday.

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Vermont Election Special Fall 2002

State Race for House Reps Heats Up

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

The left side of the political spectrum is heating up as the race for State Representatives in Chittenden County continues.

Democrats Tony Gierzynski and Nancy Kirby are trying to knock out Progressive incumbents Dave Zuckerman and Bob Kiss.

Incumbent Zuckerman has been state representative for Chittenden County since 1996. A UVM alum, Zuckerman has been engaged in local Burlington politics since the early nineties.

Zuckerman has worked to kill a bill restricting students' voting rights and has worked on a number of issues including affordable housing, universal healthcare and environmental concerns.

"There are many projects I'm working on right now," said Zuckerman.

"Medical marijuana is one of them. People who are extremely ill want me to put this together. I worked to get this passed in the House, stretching across party lines, but it was killed in the Senate. I will continue to work hard on the bill until it passes."

Zuckerman is also working on issues that concern UVM students directly, including tuition and housing.

"I've supported a increased budget," said Zuckerman.

"I've also supported the idea of denser housing in town. UVM should also make more apartment-style housing.

"For both students and non-students, there are housing issues surrounding health and safety. We need to work with the city government to eliminate unsafe housing."

Zuckerman doesn't want students to just remember his politics when they go to the polls on Nov. 5.

"I have an extremely high regard for democracy," said Zuckerman. "Everyone should have more open and truthful dialogue.

UVM Professor Tony Gierzynski is in his eleventh year of teaching in the Political Science department,

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Doug Racine and Peter Shumlin Look for Clean Sweep



Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

Doug Racine and Peter Shumlin speak at a College Democrats meeting earlier this month.

The Democrats Look to Take Control of Montpelier

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

Nov. 5 will be an important day in the VT politics, as the Democratic party will attempt to sweep the executive board in the state house, and take control of the state House of Representatives and the Senate.

Current Lieutenant Governor and Gubernatorial candidate Doug Racine and Lieutenant Governor candidate Peter Shumlin are trying to make that happen, running against opponents in both the Republican party (Jim Douglas for Governor and Brian Dubie for Lt. Governor) and the Progressive (Anthony Pollina for Lt. Governor) and Independent (Con Hogan for Governor) parties.

While all candidates are focused on the whole state, they pay particular to the needs and concerns of UVM students.

"I think the economy is the biggest concern," said Racine. "The kind of jobs that will be available after college. We're in a recession, the whole nation, and it will be a challenge for the government leaders to improve the economy for the state.

"The state is the attention of possible high-tech industries, including renewable energy. Vermont is attractive for those sorts of businesses."

For Shumlin, the focus lies

'They [students] need to be able to earn a high enough wage to earn a living here after graduation'

-Peter Shumlin

on economy, and protecting a woman's right to choose.

"UVM students are different than the other Vermonters," said Shumlin. "They need to be able to earn a high enough wage to earn a living here after graduation. Doug and I have been meeting payroll since after we graduated college.

"You won't find a team more committed to developing the economy."

Another issue concerning Shumlin is a woman's right to choose.

"I'm pro-choice, and I won't compromise on that," said Shumlin. "That's a decision between a woman and her physician. I've worked to help kill an anti-abortion law here.

"We don't want to get rid of basic rights. It's not consistent with V.T. values."

An issue that has been raised in the past, and is still current in this election, is the possibility that would limit the voting rights of students, mainly that out-of-state students wouldn't be granted the

right to vote any longer.

"The Republicans don't want UVM to vote," said Racine. "It's real simple. I'm strongly opposed to this sort of bill. Students here, this is their community, and they should have the same rights as anyone else."

Shumlin agrees.

"We're supporters of whichever candidate one votes for," said Shumlin.

"Democracy needs to include UVM students.

"The Republicans are basically saying that they don't think that your vote counts."

Another issue that both candidates

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UVM Gets the Vote Out On Campus

By TRACY SHAWYER
Cynic Staff Writer

Think you cannot vote in Burlington because you are not from Burlington or Vermont? Not true, as a student at UVM whether you live on campus or off campus you are considered a resident and therefore have the right to vote.

To register you have to be 18 years old, and if you have previously registered to vote in another state that registration becomes void.

Also if you are not sure what party you want to support, or if you don't want to support any party that is okay because when registering to vote in Vermont you do not have to register with any

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particular party.

Unfortunately, if you have not registered to vote by now you'll have to wait until next year to cast your vote because the deadline for registration was October 26.

Senior Nick Gottlieb said, "It is important to be a part of the process, people who say that their one vote doesn't count don't take into account that a lot of single votes add up."

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Members of the men's hockey team swarmed the ice after scoring a goal in overtime.

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Go with Your Gut, not with the Grain

In this time of heated politics, listen to your heart.

Yes, listen to what each candidate has to say, not losing sight of the fact that individuals take great pride in and truly uphold their stances on political issues and those issues that fall under the political realm during election time.

Therefore, what these politicians have to say they truly find to be valid and are not wasting your time filling your ears with issues in which they do not believe.

They are speaking to you because they genuinely trust in their opinions as to a wide variety of choices that affect their lives and yours.

However, go with your gut.

If someone is spinning something you just feel in your heart to be wrong, do not think that your impressions are wrong because they are less forceful than those of a particularly well-rehearsed candidate using strong words of conviction in his persuasive arguments.

He/she has spun these views many times before and has applied many coats of varnish and lacquer. The glossy finish does not negate your opinions if they differ from his/her set of ideals.

Indeed, do not totally disallow for the growth of your political convictions. After all, you are not running for office; the views you hold have not been run through the mill for, if not ultimately incorporating in, what views would be most popular.

These views no longer have as much

heart and soul and connection to the purely instinctual, intrinsic humanistic side to each public veteran of speech instruction.

You hold views simply as a person with the notion that doing something one way is right and that one way is wrong. Your opinions are no more wrong and possibly much more right than those of the orators we so seek to elect (or not).

Mind you, I do not promote close-mindedness. I ask not that you tune out other ways of thinking. I merely urge you not to discount your own in favor of budgeting to fit more closely to the set of ideals talked up by politicians.

Listen up, then, and if something catches your ear that really interests you either in the positive connotation or the negative, listen for more.

If you really trust in and support whatever views are being imparted into the speaker's audience, accept as confirmation that you wish to vote for and possibly help in the campaign of the individual with whom you so agree.

If, however, you disagree just as resolutely, either take a shine to and listen more intently to the opponent who may hold opinions far more closely related to your own and learn as much as you can so you can truly cast a vote in which you believe.

Or, if you wish, enter into political activism and spend more time disproving the other guy than reinforcing the person in the right.

A's & F's

A's

- To all the fans who came out to the Gut last weekend. It was great to see so much school spirit, especially with a win.

- To all of the great Halloween activities going on on campus this week. It's great to see so many groups trying to provide entertainment to UVMers during such a stressful time.

- To all the of the students who take time out of their busy schedules to do community service. It's wonderful to see people caring about the community around them.

F's

- To people who spread rumors about ridiculous things. If you're not sure it's true, why tell everyone you know?

- To people who tear down bulletin boards, posters, etc. throughout the dorms. Isn't there anything else you can do but destroy people's hard work? Grow up.

- To people who don't move out of others way on the campus shuttle. Are you so important that you can't move out of the way to let people on/off? Didn't think so.

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Endorsements by Former President

To the Editor:

As the former President of the SGA Senate, I thought that I would give my twocents about Dave Zuckerman and Bob Kiss. They are thoughtful, informative, intelligent and really are great Representatives for the University of Vermont Community. They stayed in touch with the SGA on a regular basis and really care about the issues that are important to students. These include

affordable housing, universal healthcare, civil rights, a woman's right to choose and a true fight for a clean environment. I had the pleasure of working with them when I was SGA President and I can say without a doubt that I feel voters in Chitt. 3-04 should vote for Bob Kiss and David Zuckerman.

Bill Tickner
Class of 2003

Reject Rhetoric, Speak for Yourself

To the Editor:

Regarding the ongoing debate raging between the so-called extreme left and right on campus with the "hear-both-sides" camp caught in between: The latter group argues that the left and the right are equally close-minded and simply do not listen to anyone else, therefore failing to see that we really have nothing to get so huffy about.

I beg to differ. People form opinions based upon their world experiences. Someone might vehemently disagree with someone else, not because one does not hear that person, but because one's experiences in a class society have led one to different conclusions.

For instance: It's 1860, and someone gives a speech under the title, "Why we should have slavery." If I were a slave, having physically experienced slavery, there would be absolutely nothing this person could possibly say to convince me that I should remain in bondage. Nothing! Let's say I then organized a protest against this person, desiring to build a movement to eradicate the brutal manifestation of his/her argument. On one level, I am not listening. On another, this person is a slave-master, profits from my subjugation, will not be persuaded with arguments, but rather might be forced through mass resistance to emancipate me.

Try other examples: A talk in 1912 against women's suffrage—there is no need to hear the argument. Or a talk in 1952 in support of lynchings of African Americans—again, no need to hear the argument. A talk in 1982 in support of

Apartheid in South Africa—no need to listen. What about a talk in 2002 justifying 250 billionaires, who own as much wealth as 3 billion people, being able to unilaterally and preemptively demolish any country, which for any reason impedes the profit-driven agenda of the aforementioned plutocracy?

The disagreement is not a matter of an inability to listen. Some of us are listening too carefully to what is being proffered by those wishing to perpetuate the status quo, and we are connecting those ideas to corresponding experiences—and it frightens us. Every second we wait for Mr. Bush to simply listen to us is a second conceded to the accumulation of injustice. And as Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote in his seminal work 'Why We Can't Wait,' "Justice long delayed is justice denied."

I want to listen to, strategize and exchange ideas with anyone who recognizes serious problems in our society, who is for a more equal distribution of wealth, who is for environmental protection, who is for an end to wars for profits or any one of the above. But if you categorically stand opposed to all of the foregoing ('you' being the American ruling elite), I wish to hear not a word you say, but only to remove you from a position of power where your ideas may be actualized into human atrocities.

As the old adage of slave resistance goes: "Listen less to the voice of your masters and begin to raise your own."

Keith Rosenthal
Class of 2003

True Honor Society?

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to the attention of the community how I was discriminated against by an "honor" society at our campus.

I am talking about the UVM chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. I have been a member since my sophomore year and when I decided to run for a leadership position for this, my senior year, I was told "no" because I am different. How am I different? I have a problem with drinking.

I felt that I could have brought a lot of emotion and energy to the table. And I would have worked as hard as I possibly could to make UVM's NSCS chapter the best there is. I had many ideas I would quickly implement, but I was told to look elsewhere, all due to my disability.

I promised that I wouldn't let my history with booze interfere with my NSCS duties. I told them honestly: I drink heavily and at all times and I can't control it. I will often put down 20 drinks a day and I couldn't promise that I wouldn't show up to NSCS meetings drunk. Maybe I should have kept my secrets in the dark, but you can't ask someone to live a lie.

However, I've learned to live with it and maintain my life and to even succeed. Alcoholism is a disease and you can't discriminate against someone with a disease. Why won't they at least give me a chance?

Thank you for your understanding.

Chris Lancaster
Class of 2003

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Leftists Should Reexamine Causes, Priorities and Fundamentals

Last Saturday, Burlington witnessed another chapter in the spectacle of activism when politically illiterate collegians, cheered on by group fervor and a handful of equally misinformed adults, descended on City Hall Park to protest war in Iraq. The theme of this exposed everything wrong with the so-called anti-war movement. This rally was neither about aiding the poor Iraqis nor about urging consideration of timely questions that should be asked before military action.

This protest, which united the forces of environmentalism, 'social justice,' feminism, Marxism and the usual array of leftist causes, was not about pacifism but about anti-Americanism.

The hate America crowd at this school is an exercise in contradiction. Self-identified Marxists manage to foot \$30,000 tuition bills. People who voted for Nader continue to press the candidacy of Al Gore long after Democrats have abandoned the cause. Environmentalists drive wrecks that spew far more toxins in the air than the SUVs they demonize. The sad part is that the cause of anti-globalization, moderated and separated from the amalgamated 'struggle,' offers important criticisms embedded in angry rhetoric. Nobody listens to Che Guevara shirt-wearing youths recite pre-fabricated arguments and label Bush, Cheney and Ashcroft the

real Axis of Evil.

The problem with so many of these slogan-tossing disciples of leftism is that deny that the opinions they spout as fact are dismissed out of hand by the rest of America. Note an anti-IMF march in New York last fall that was pelted by union labor working at a construction site. These crusaders for the working class are shunned by the people whose cause they claim to advance. Falling back on Marxist rhetoric of 'false consciousness' ignores the fact that the majority of blue-collar organized labor in this country is patriotic, shuns Marxism and loathes its self-proclaimed champions.

Feminism faces a similar

contradiction. Feminism has become less about standing up for women than attacking men. Therefore, even pro-choice women who support campaigns against domestic violence and date rape refuse to identify themselves as feminists. Why? Crusades spearheaded by NOW are overshadowed by the questionable stands and political leftism that characterize contemporary feminism.

The most important example of ivory tower isolation is the anti-war Movement. The tendency to see opponents of war as fresh minions for corporate villification has backfired. The traditional anti-American litany isolates skeptics whose concerns

have nothing to do with the Great Satan doctrine. Rather than join hands with the 60s holdovers, campus communists and cause of the weekers, many have acceded to the eventuality of military action. As with other leftist battles, the anti-Americanism of the protesters inhibits posing necessary questions. By engendering a consensus (55-75% depending on polls) that may not exist and opposition not repeated from the Marx-Engels Reader or the Socialist Worker, the far left is helping to stifle the very dissent it seeks to encourage.

Russel Henderson is a columnist a member of the Class of 2003.

War Possible, Peace Preferable

This past Friday, I attended the Dr. Tenzin Robert Thurman lecture, sponsored by the UVM Asian Studies Program, titled: "The Dalai Lama's Millennial Ethic of Intelligent Nonviolence: Sources in Tibetan Buddhism and Prospects in Our Troubled World." The speech gave insight into much of what is going on in our world.

Dr. Thurman was tastefully opinionated, albeit certainly leftist in his comments. He praised Vermonters of the room for Jim Jeffords' party switch and stressed how important it is that we all vote.

Then, after a quick clarification of Buddhism and the important point that Buddhists have no desire to "recruit" other people to be Buddhists, Dr. Thurman began listing statistics, facts and points made by the Dalai Lama. Perhaps most striking was that the world budget for arms and defenses totals over 700 billion dollars.

But this is what was so powerful about Dr. Thurman's lecture: he did not subtly imbue his views in a sermon on

Buddhism—rather, he chose to freely voice his opinions, and support his argument with strong and thoughtful information. The truth of the matter is that Americans cannot afford not to vote. September 11 may have had negative effects in many ways, but it is nothing compared to what has happened to other countries. Consequently, voting is imperative. Yet, in this country, only 100 million people voted in the last presidential election.

One thing, though, that America should be proud of is its initial revolt from the European Imperialist. But while America stood up against the Imperialists generations ago, it has adopted the new mentality of subordinating countries before they are even able to pose a threat.

Dr. Thurman also wanted to emphasize that with the current weapons of mass destruction, a cataclysm is not at all implausible. Thus, with the current looming situation in Iraq, the Dalai Lama is focusing his attention on the preservation of Peace.

The Dalai Lama, along with Dr. Robert Thurman, wish to

focus their energies on Mutual Unilateral Disarmament, or MUD. This seemingly paradoxical term is meant to convey that there will be a moment of uncertainty when two (or more) countries are disarming and destroying their weapons of mass destruction—a moment when one realizes the vulnerability, and therefore, must embrace this as a step toward peace. Only when this is done can the world proceed in a step toward alliance and a unified relationship.

Until then, there is always the possibility of the draft being reinstated; there is always a chance that even you will be affected by a war, or government, and there will always be an insecurity that your voice will not be heard in this, or subsequent administrations. We must work together to achieve our goals. We must vote for our beliefs and values if we want democracy to work. We need to realize peace.

Kevin Lenfest II is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

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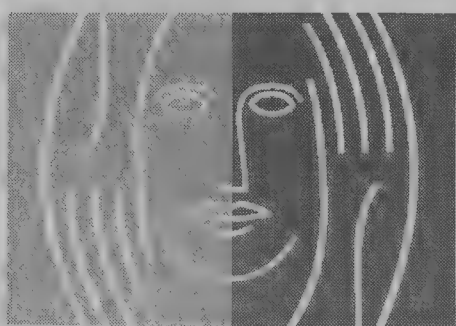
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Candidate Endorsed for Quality

Mike Banyas' 10/22 column in support of candidate for State Representative Professor Tony Gierzynski was fascinating. But the response by Progressive candidate David Zuckerman was even more so. To advance the dialogue, our legislative representative sent his wife to demand that the UVM Student Government respond to Banyas' article. Here is a response, but it may not be what they were seeking.

I don't subscribe to the ideologies or politics of either the Democrats or the Progressives (which are usually identical-it's their tactics which differ), so I find it easy to comment on the 'race' between incumbent progressives David Zuckerman and Bob Kiss and Democrat challengers Professor Tony Gierzynski and Nancy Kirby.

Seeing them each speak, it is clear that Representative Zuckerman and Bob Kiss have gravitated to the lunatic-fringe Left. They have become completely out of touch with the UVM community. That may be the reason why we've had no real voice within the state legislature for a years.

Who are we supposed to take seriously? We have Zuckerman, a 'really nice guy' and charismatic speaker, who comes to our Student Government begging votes and then after a mildly critical editorial by a Democrat, sends his wife to rant at the SGA

that they MUST respond to that 'attack.' Are we supposed to find Kiss credible? Kiss, who thinks it's a great idea to join the local campus Communists on an anti-war panel? Sorry Bob, you are judged by the company you keep and you are found wanting.

Perhaps we might respect a tenured UVM professor of Political Science, admittedly very liberal, respected as a man of principle, moderation and compromise by students and faculty across the political spectrum. Perhaps we might respect Nancy Kirby, a very well-respected moderate in the local community.

Zuckerman and Kiss have taken the student vote for granted. They have lost their constituency and have failed to get the endorsement of the Student Government leadership for the first time in years so are now in a panic, pleading votes from disreputable groups whose primary political activity is selling the Socialist Worker. We are their primary constituency and they have failed us. UVM has changed and it's time that our representation changed, too. It pains me to personally support liberal Democrats, but I see that for the greater good, we must support them if we are to have effective voices representing us in the State Legislature.

Jon Kantor is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

Israel a Scapegoat for the Ills of Others

Faried Ibrahim, in his recent rant "Not everyone's Promised Land," has fallen into several traditional anti-Israel positions that are based on fallacies, half-truths and general ignorance.

His techniques include blaming the Israelis for Palestinian misdeeds, changing the definition of words to fit his skewed perspective, altering history to cover up Palestinian mistakes and detailing inappropriate moral equivalency (my personal favorite).

A brief examination of Mr. Ibrahim's "arguments" will quickly expose their uselessness. Mr. Ibrahim mentions the economic suffering of the Palestinians, especially those in the Gaza Strip.

I will absolutely grant that they are economically deprived, and then will ask a simple question: Where are the tens of millions of dollars that have been given to the Palestinian Authority?

The incredible amount of money, part of which comes from Mr. Ibrahim's tax dollars, has been lost to corruption and blatant thievery. While the PA attempts to purchase arms from Iran, its people starve in Gaza.

Is this Israel's fault?

Israel used to hire Palestinian workers-until they started showing a peculiar predilection for blowing up Israelis. Surprisingly, this has reduced the Israeli inclination to hire lots of Palestinians.

The article also states that Israel practices "colonialism" and is similar to South Africa. Let's deconstruct this silliness one falsehood at a time.

How can a country have a colony on its own land? That's like calling Middlebury a colony of Burlington. Mr. Ibrahim knows that "colonialism" has negative connotations, so he slanders Israel, probably knowing that it doesn't make any logical sense.

He also compares Israeli policies to "apartheid." Well, let's compare. Apartheid (South Africa) involved the domination of 90% of the population by 10%; the minority group didn't allow any of the majority group to vote or participate in the political process.

In Israel, Jews are the majority, yet there are several Arabs in the Israeli Parliament; these Arabs are allowed to participate in all of the Knesset Activities even though most are passionately anti-Zionist. Also, Arabs who don't want to destroy Israel (aqua Palestinians) serve loyally in the Israeli Army. Good comparison, Mr. Ibrahim.

The Palestinians could have had their own country in 1948 when the UN offered them one. They rejected the offer, and have caused their own suffering ever since.

They also rejected the Camp David accords which would have granted them 96% of the West

Bank and a capital in East Jerusalem. That sounds a lot like "self-determination" to me, but Mr. Ibrahim attacks Israel for its denial of Palestinian independence. Again, I'm seeing a slight contradiction in the facts and Mr. Ibrahim's positions.

Finally, in a classic anti-Israel maneuver, Mr. Ibrahim attempts to shift the blame for the violence from where it belongs (the terrorists) to the innocents (the Israelis).

Since 1948, Israel has attempted to make peace with their Arab neighbors-to no avail.

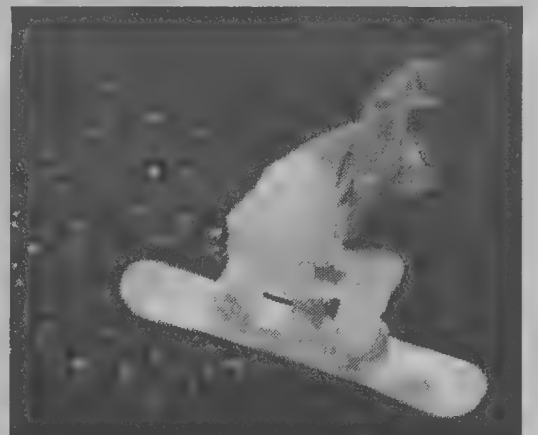
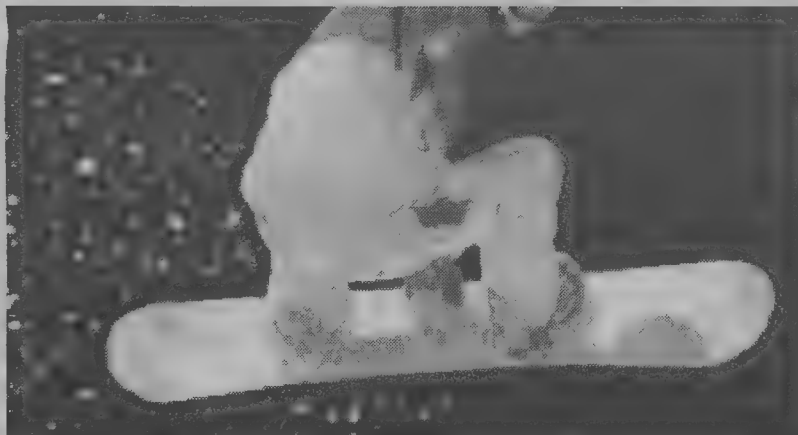
Palestinians murder civilians, and Israelis endeavor to kill terrorists.

Does Israel kill some civilians accidentally while pursuing the absolutely justifiable attempt to stop terrorists? Absolutely, and that is very sad.

However, Israel only attacks when provoked. She has fought five wars in the past sixty years, and not one has been an aggressive war. This recent intifada, initiated by the Palestinians, occurred after the Palestinians rejected an absurdly good offer from Israel.

The Palestinians should accept the Israeli terms, stop murdering civilians and focus all of that wasted anger on fixing their own decrepit society.

Greg Rudolph is a guest columnist and a member of the UVM Medical School, Class of 2005.



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Racine and Shumlin Focus on Issues that Affect UVM Students

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are concerned with is alcohol and drug abuse.

"It's a societal problem," said Racine. "The first serious problem that happens during the teen years is alcohol, and education will be important in helping young people. It can lead to addiction. We need good education and tough law enforcement.

"Binge drinking destroys a lot of lives."

Shumlin sees a drug problem growing in the state as well.

"This is a real problem," said Shumlin. "One in seven males between the ages of 18-21 are under the supervision of the department of corrections. There is a real heroin denial in the state, and it needs to be stopped. Heroin is a disease."

Besides their politics, Racine and Shumlin want to students to

remember other things about them when they go to the booths as well.

"Although I'm 49, I feel it's still the young person inside," said Racine. "I still have the ideals I did when I was in school, a sense of optimism. I still like to have fun- I like to hike, ski, and bike.

"The future can only get better if we work with each other as a community, and we will improve."

Shumlin wants voters to remember his own determination in getting to this position in the first place.

"I have dyslexia, and I had to deal with learning differently," said Shumlin. "I've been fighting hard, and I'm driven and will give a lot back to Vermont.

"I tell like it is, I'm pretty blunt, and I'll get the job done well."

Students Can Vote All Over the Burlington Area

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Voting takes place on November 5, from 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. There are seven voting stations, one in each ward, and you must vote in the ward that you live in.

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Why should you go out and vote? Peter Sande, Champlain College student, said, "Elected officials have a lot of influence on issues that affect college stu-

dents in Burlington, and voting gives students some say in who makes those decisions."

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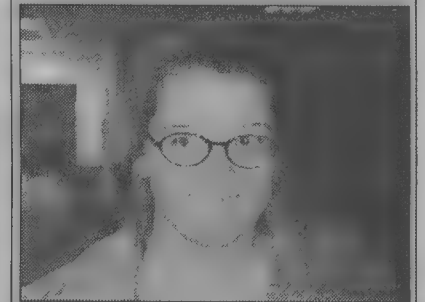
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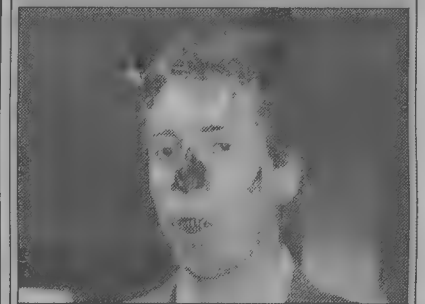
Cynical Inquisition

Compiled by Kristen Rigney
What's your best Halloween story?



"This one time I went around in a hula girl costume. While I was trick or treating my friends pulled off my skirt and I was left in a string bikini and they wouldn't give it back."

Alex 2004



"When I was in third grade, on Halloween this kid was sick so he stayed home and played video games. Then lightening struck the TV and it exploded."

Sean Burke, 2004



"My friend was dressed as a pimp and my other friend's mom asked him what he was. He was embarassed to say 'pimp' so he said, 'I'm a social worker.'"

Dan Samiljan, 2006



"We went up to one house on my street and no one answered. After we turned around the garage door flew open and a guy with a chain saw ran out."

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where he specializes in American politics, campaign finance reform, parties and elections.

Gierzynski has helped states work on campaign finance reform laws, including Albuquerque, NM, the only state with mandatory spending limits.

For Gierzynski, his top issue is education.

"I'll be forceful, and more of an advocate for higher education, along with elementary and secondary education," said Gierzynski.

For UVM students, he's going to focus on making education a top priority in Montpelier.

"We need greater support, making it a top priority with no cuts," said Gierzynski. "We can re-prioritize the budget to allocate money to education. We can get more resources to help pay. We need more state support to lower tuition."

Another concern of Gierzynski's is the job market in Vermont.

"We need to improve the job market," said Gierzynski. "Once students get out, we need to have a strong economy that will best serve everyone."

Bob Kiss has been a Vermonter since 1971, and was involved in human and low-income services in the non-profit sector for 25 years before becoming a state rep in 2000.

Kiss believes there are many

issues that concern students, but especially quality of life and housing issues.

"It's more of a local issue, but we need to work with the town and the students to avoid an us versus them approach to the housing situations downtown," said Kiss.

"I've been on some walks through the neighborhoods with the neighbor action program. We need to create dialogue between neighbors."

Another concern of Kiss' is the tuition rate for both in-state and out-of-state students.

"It's no easy answer," said Kiss. "Will we be able to find the money? We should develop additional resources, and do things differently."

Kiss wants students to remember the idea of the Independent party when going to the polls.

"We will add an independent voice to the process, which is more important than ever right now," said Kiss.

Nancy Kirby found her interest in politics in an unusual way-on an eighth grade field trip to Montpelier.

"We went down to the capitol with our social studies teacher, and got to see the representatives work and see how the law worked," said Kirby.

This is Kirby's first political race, but she has been involved with PTO at her children's schools. A native Vermonter, Kirby was born and raised in the

Old North End.

"My heart and my feet are in Burlington," said Kirby.

Kirby's main concerns are focused around housing issues, the environment, education and healthcare.

"I'm really concerned about Burlington and Vermont," said Kirby. "The more trees we cut down, the worse the air quality is. I don't want this to turn into an L.A.!"

Healthcare is another concern of Kirby's, who has friends who travel all the way up to Canada to buy things because prescriptions are too expensive here.

"Crime is another big issue here," said Kirby. "I literally board up my store every night."

A concern directed at UVM students is the housing situation.

"We have to make students get to know us, because we're their neighbors," said Kirby. "I'm here, and I make them feel at home."

"The quality of housing is also an issue. There are some landlords who only care about getting the most rent out of these students, and not about the quality of the housing. I've written letters to landlords on the behalf of my neighbors. I do care."

Kirby wants students to remember that if one works hard enough, one can succeed. "Dreams do come true, but you have to want them to happen," said Kirby. "I want to be your voice."



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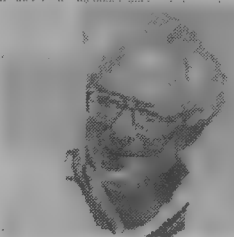
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Ranting and Raving

What has happened to our music television? There was a time when we could tune into MTV to catch the latest videos by a variety of up-and-coming artists, but not anymore. Our generation's acceptance of MTV has become lacking, because MTV is lacking in what they once stood for: music.

The problem isn't just with the lack of music, but with the music that they are showing. There was a time when one could tune into the channel for a few hours and see their daily dosage of music videos by the artists they actually wanted to see, but now the only thing our generation is getting daily is Carson Daly. Maybe that is the problem. Diagnosis: too much Carson.

He seemed like a nice guy at first, bringing us the videos that we supposedly voted on and needed as a necessity to our daily functions, yet now it would seem that the TRL kick has lost its touch, showing us the same videos over and over again and barely making room for any music that we actually care about.

I find it hard to believe that the majority of our country's music taste has been lost on the likes of 'N Sync and Britney Spears. Music television has now turned into a frenzy of skimpy clothing and attractive people, caring more about appearances than the music. The talent that I once watched through the videos of Nirvana and even Madonna has been traded in for the bland sound of Christina Aguilera and the Backstreet Boys. I am not trying to say that these pretty faces do not hold some kind of talent behind their revealing clothing and perfect bodies, but there is something wrong with our musical tastes if we can not enjoy other artists who may not have equal sex appeal.

The problem I have the most with this new Carson-era of MTV is the hypocrisy that this MTV persona contributes toward the artists he is supposedly promoting. Carson Daly has always made it a point to trash on the artists that don't appeal to his own tastes, bashing the likes of Mariah Carey and 'N Sync on a day to day basis.

Why should a VJ be trashing on the artists who put money in his pockets? As we all know, 'N Sync has dominated the charts on TRL.

If there are so many people who like this band, why is TRL's head host rolling his eyes and making jokes as he announces once again that they have received the number one spot? Maybe Carson's just trying to be cool, so he can hang out with the in crowd.

Carson's hypocrisy comes when these artists appear as guests on the show. Carson suddenly lowers his tone of disapproval to the simplicity of sucking up. Interestingly, the now known TRL once existed as a half hour segment late at night with a then unknown Carson.

The MTV and Carson bashing will not end here though. Carson has become so popular amongst teens today that NBC has even gave him his own late night show, "Last Call With Carson Daly."

Anyone who has been "blessed" with seeing recent episodes would be happy to tell you that his nonsense interviews with music artists has now spread like a disease to the movie industry as well. In a recent episode, Carson spent fifteen minutes with "The Good Girl"'s Jake Gyllenhaal asking him whether he got a boner while filming his sex scene with "Friends" star Jennifer Aniston. Even as Gyllenhaal pushed to change the conversation, Carson persisted his questioning, as a horny junior high student would have. Talk about good journalism; thank God the Carson-era is still going strong.

If we want anything good to come of the struggling MTV network, we need to work together to rid Carson Daily from the scene. Only then can we truly have our music, and MTV's dignity back.

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Soon Come: The Art of Contemporary Jamaica

By MEREDITH SUNIEWICK
Cynic Staff Writer

"Soon Come", an exhibit which features works from twenty different Jamaican artists, is representative of modern Jamaican life. The exhibit features pieces from a wide variety of mediums, such as painting, sculpture, photography, batik, woodcarving, and drawing.

The artists and works featured in the exhibit give a glimpse into the diverse and rich culture and history of the island nation. Many of the works are obviously influenced by the traditions and periods in Jamaican history. The impact of the Taino natives, African slave trade, British colonial rule, immigration of Chinese laborers, and Rastafarianism can all be seen in a number of works.

The exhibit has received rave reviews and many people are excited to see non-traditional western art at the Fleming. "It's great that the Fleming is diversifying its exhibits; it's interesting to see artwork from another part of the world," said senior Jackie Hansen.

"Soon Come" highlights the departure in Jamaican art from works influenced by the political turmoil that has plagued the nation for decades. This departure from the politically charged art of the 1970s has led Jamaican artists to produce more individually focused pieces. This new generation of Jamaican artists is more focused on cultivating personal artistic styles. Issues of ethnic identity and internal struggle are visible in many of the works and Jamaica's diversity is apparent from the subject matter of the pieces.

Although most of the artists featured in the exhibit live and work in Jamaica, many studied art in Europe and the United States. These artists utilize traditional western techniques and forms,

Exhibit shows wide range
of contemporary Jamaican art



Jessica Koston VC staff

The art of Jamaica in three mediums: (left) metal, (upper right) wood, and (lower right) canvas.

such as expressionism and minimalism while exploring the artistic styles of traditional Jamaican art. This fusion of techniques produces works that articulate the flexibility of Jamaican art. Indeed, many of the works are gritty and dark and explore serious issues such as the British colonial rule and racial discrimination. One particularly moving piece is David Boxer's expressionist interpretation of the Middle Passage of the

African slave trade.

"Soon Come" will be on display at the Fleming Museum until December 15. The Fleming Museum will host a lecture by "Soon Come" artist Bryan McFarlane on November 12 at 7p.m. McFarlane, an art professor at the University of Massachusetts, will be speaking about his own artistic influences and inspirations.

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**Aries****March 21 - April 19**

You may believe that Porn 'n' Chicken was funny. Let me be the first to tell you, I may not know you, but I do not respect you. Oh, so you want my respect now, huh? The only way I could respect you is if you did stand up like Dice Clay. That's right: "Little Miss Muffet, sat on her tuffet, eating her curds and whey, along came a spider and sat down beside her, and said: what's in the bowl, b*&^%?! Hey ooohhhh!" Ha ha ha ha! Now that's funny!

Taurus**April 20 - May 20**

I know you love to "lay some English" on us, but I don't enjoy your racist, politically incorrect

Weekly Horoscopes

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The Stars Do Not Lie

humor. It's sad. Sad like the last episode of *Late World with Zack*. I know the show wasn't funny, but Amber loved it. Amber, please come back. I miss you baby.

Gemini**May 21 - June 21**

Oh no! *Farscape* is about to be cancelled! Why the hell has it taken this long?!

Cancer**June 22 - July 22**

I'm not usually in the habit of reminding someone of a certain phone call they made. Does the phrase, "I don't care who you are! I don't care who you think you are! I don't care who your friends are!" ring a bell? Hey Weaver, ha ha ha ha! Joke's on you!

Leo**July 23 - Aug. 22**

Harry Potter 2 will be a disappointment. A disappointment that will leave you wanting a roast beef sandwich. No, no. I meant the food, not the position. Oh, you meant the food too? Well, uh...

Virgo**Aug. 23 - Sept. 23**

"You tell your friend he's not worth my job!", might be what you've been thinking of saying to your significant other. Keep in mind your "dry streak" and your "bottomless untapped well" and your "inability to work well with others" and your "horrible infection that threatens your cardiovascular system". You will be fired this weekend.

Libra**Sept. 23 - Oct. 23**

I believe you when you say someone has been prank calling

you. Although you may not consider this funny, you were seriously burned by these prank calls. "Hello, this is Ken? Hello? Why are you doing this?! You're very slowly ruining me! Your methods are ruthlessly effective! I have no idea who you are! (Silence for 50 seconds then a click.)" Now that's a burn! A hilarious burn. Us: over 100, Woodbury: 0.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 21**

I told your roommate he could rock it elsewhere, so I guess I'm living here now. Now let's talk about my personal habits: I need "Edward's Time" everyday. This means you clear out for 30 minutes, and I bake a cake? (The last line should be tried as a statement first, and then a question.)

Sagittarius**Nov. 22 - Dec. 24**

You should be more careful when at a frat party. They got you to pledge? Offensive?! Enjoyable?! Beer wall?! Sci-fi/fantasy?! Star Trek?! It suddenly got crappy in here. Ha ha ha ha!

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 19**

Don't complain to me about your skating abilities; they're awful. By the way, extreme walking was supposed to be a middle school activity. That's right. Guns 'n' Roses too. Amber loved Guns 'n' Roses...

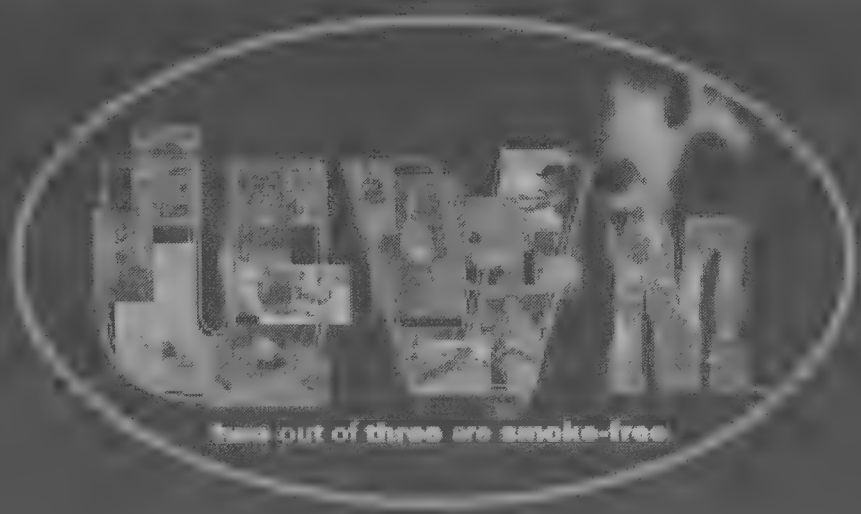
Aquarius**Jan. 20 - Feb. 19**

Two out of three is embarrassing. At least that's what she said about you. Now let's talk about me. I'm 28 years old, enjoy Zen Buddhism, long walks by the sewer, funny faces, and spankings. My perfect date would end with a "splash" sound and the guitar riff from "Walk This Way". Then a nap. Then a meal. Then a chat about what happened at your frat last night. My name's Vernon.

Pisces**Feb. 19 - Mar. 20**

"Meals On Wheels" is a bad idea. I don't hate the poor, I just can't speak to them directly, or be in a room with them. Will you help me spy on your roommate? Fine. Looks like I can't read this field trip permission slip then, the handwriting's too...uncooperative.

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Freedom to Be

After last week's situation in which State Representative David Zuckerman criticized the Vermont Cynic for my column endorsing Democratic candidate Dr. Anthony Gierzynski for State Representative, I decided to remind Zuckerman why this country has the freedom of the press. A free press is one of the most important aspects of American Society. It is the press's freedom and ability to publish information without any restraint or government oversight. This privilege has a long history within our Country and is a gift that our founding fathers gave the American People to protect and inform.

The notion of free speech and a free press was first advocated by James Madison during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. He proposed and argued that there be a provision included within the Bill of Rights that would protect the freedom of speech and the press within this country. Madison saw this as a necessary part for the public's basic rights and an essential component that would allow a free society to function. Madison's suggestions were a reaction to one of the many basic rights that were hindered under the British Government. The founding fathers included his suggestions within the new republic's constitution. They recognized that the press was intended to act as another check and balance within the constitution and must serve as a public information outlet to guard against governmental and societal abuses in the country.

The ability of the press to print information has led to the Washington Post's article on the Watergate Scandal which brought down President Nixon. This past summer's articles in The New York Times revealed to and informed the public of the Bush Administration's war plans for Iraq. These are the reasons why this provision for a free press was included in the Bill of Rights.

Beyond formal stories, the press' freedom also allows the printing of public opinion articles. Opinion sections in the newspaper have contributed to the debate and discussion of issues in American Government and society. The press' freedom as an outlet to publish opinions and the public's letters to the editor presents the people with various perspectives from which to receive information and form their own opinions. An example of this section's effectiveness can be found in the Cynic where opinion columnists have written and debated such issues as multiculturalism to military force against Iraq to the upcoming elections.

The evolution of this liberty has faced many obstacles in our society and federal courts, but this freedom has prevailed. The media has also proved that no one is outside of its criticism and its pursuit for information. Whether you are the President of the United States or a whiny state representative from Burlington, Vermont, no one should censor or stop the public's right to receive information. The press's freedom and influence has grown stronger over the years, and at times when it seems too commercialized or biased, it is still important that it never be censored or restrained in any manner. This privilege is a profound element in helping to keep our society open and its liberty preserved.

Michael Banyas is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

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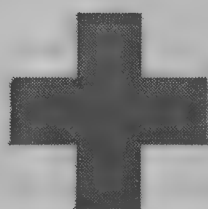
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2 pm to 3:30 pm — WOMEN'S

SOCCER: Vs. Stony Brook. America East Conference Game. Centennial Field.

7 pm to 9 pm — MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Wayne S

SATURDAY:

1 pm to 2:30 pm — WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL: Vs. Saint Michael's, Patrick Gym.

2 pm to 4 pm — WOMEN'S

HOCKEY: Vs. Union, Gutterson Fieldhouse

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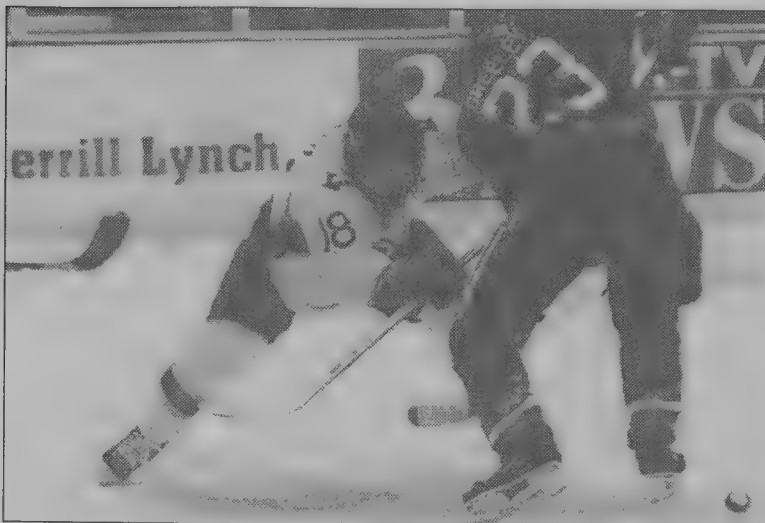
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Men Prevail in Overtime for First Win in 16 Games



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Senior John Longo faces off against Fairfield.

By ANNA CAPUTO

Freshman right-winger Joey Gasparini scored the game-winner with 38 seconds left in overtime to give the UVM Men's Hockey team their first win over the Fairfield University Stags on Saturday night.

"It's unbelievable," said

MEN'S HOCKEY

Gasparini. "For myself, getting it in overtime is a remarkable feeling."

The win over Fairfield is Vermont's first of the season and snaps a 16 game winless streak extended from last season. It is also Vermont's first non-conference win in a year and a half; the

last one being a 3-2 win in OT against Clarkson on March 11, 2001.

Fairfield senior captain Rae Metz scored early in the first period on a power play to make it 1-0 for the Stags.

With five minutes left in the period Vermont captain John Longo answered back with his own power play goal to tie it up. Fairfield was able to make it 2-1 with only 22 seconds left in the first when Cody Wojdyla buried a loose puck in front of Vermont freshman net-minder Travis Russell.

Russell was having his first start after giving up six goals in two periods against UNH and was solid in net the whole game, shutting out the Stags after the nineteenth minute of the first period, and tallying 13 saves, including three in overtime.

Russell expressed confidence in his team after the game, saying, "We have a great team this year; I'm sure there's many more [wins] to come."

The Cats played most of the second and third periods right up in Fairfield goalie Craig

Schnappinger's face with numerous close scoring chances that the Cats just couldn't capitalize on.

Vermont Junior Jeff Miles was able to put one in to tie it up at the end of the second period from a nice setup by seniors Ryan Miller and Thomas Hajek.

The Cats dominated in overtime as well, playing the whole five minute period in the Stags

defensive zone. The whole bench rushed the ice after Gasparini's goal with 38 seconds left and cheers could be heard for quite a while from outside the locker room after the game.

The Catamounts (1-2-2) take on Wayne State this Friday at 7:00p.m. at Gutterson Field House. Says Vermont junior Jeff Miles, "It feels good to get a win



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Scott Mifsud breaks away from his defender and moves down the ice.

Colberg Holds Strong for Cats

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Vermont has not made the conference playoffs in field hockey since 1990.

The Catamounts took a quick 1-0 lead just 1:26 into the game when Kristen MacDonald redirected a shot by fellow senior Shawn Carney. Boston University, 10-7 overall and 1-2 in America East play, tied the game 5:23 into the second half when Dalinda Banuelos scored off a penalty corner, with Whitney Peabody getting the assist.

The teams played scoreless the rest of regulation time and through two 15-minute overtime periods to force the penalty stroke-off, in which each team picks five players to take a shot against the opposing goalie.

Vermont's Molly Sheehan and MacDonald scored on UVM's first two tries, and the Cats held on to a 2-1 advantage with BU's Meredith Long facing Colberg on the final shot.

If Long scored, the two teams would have gone to a second round of strokes. But Colberg made her second save of the round and the Catamounts had the victory, one of the biggest in the history of the program.

On Sunday afternoon, Maine's

Karly Bundy scored the game only goal midway through the first half and the Black Bears held on for a 1-0 win.

The loss drops Vermont to 6-12 overall and 2-3 in conference play. The Catamounts can still make the four-team post-season tournament if Northeastern, the top team in the league, can beat Boston University next Saturday.

That would leave both Vermont and BU with 2-3 league records, but Vermont would get the edge because of its 2-1 overtime win over the Terriers Friday.

Maine, 14-2 overall and 3-1 in the league, got the only goal it would need off a penalty corner when Bundy scored on a shot from in front of the cage.

Rebecca Ouellet assisted on the goal, which came 17:31 into the first half. Vermont put the pressure on in the second half, but couldn't get the tying goal.

The best chance for the Catamounts might have been with 4:15 remaining in the game, when both Whitney Gage and Emily Fitzgerald had chances from inside the circle. Fitzgerald's blast was stopped at the last second by Ouellet, saving a sure goal.

-Sports Info.

UVM Drops Two to Maine

By ANNA CAPUTO

The Vermont Women's Hockey team took on the Maine Black Bears in a non-league, two game series on Friday and Saturday in the home opener

weekend for the Cats.

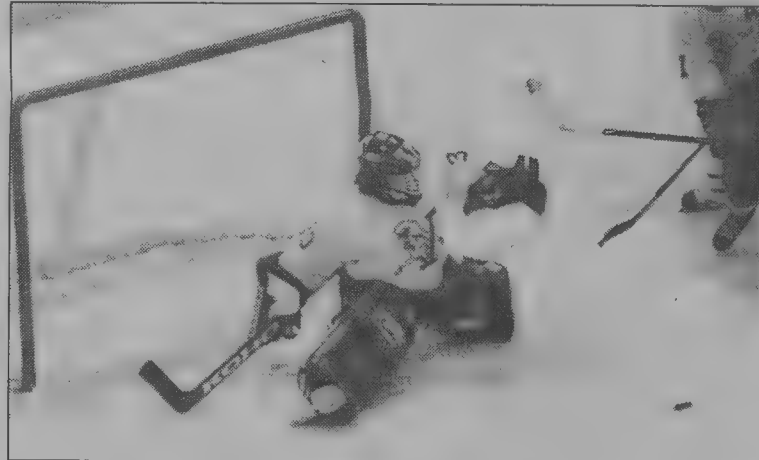
Maine won both games, outshooting Vermont 42-9 on Friday and 44-20 on Saturday. Vermont is now 1-5-0 for the season and the Black Bears start off their season

at 2-0-0.

In the Cats' 4-1 loss on Friday both teams played very physically, drawing a couple of body checking calls, one of which cost Vermont a goal midway through the second period.

Vermont coach Dennis Miller had some positive things to add about the game however, "I thought we did a lot of good things, just not enough. We need to do more simple things like block more shots and be stronger on the puck."

On Saturday night neither team was able to capitalize on the power plays; however, Vermont going 0-6 and Maine 0-3.



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Vermont's Tiffany Hayes makes a pad save against Maine on Friday.

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X Continues Title Run

By Bret Weir

Thursday's game between Team X and Team Y had a higher potential of being a blood bath than Al Roker's cholesterol level.

Both X and Y came into Thursday coming off huge wins the previous weeks. Player 12 for X was a human highlight reel tallying a hat trick and adding an assist in their 5-0 victory. Y, on the other hand, won a defensive stand-off by scoring in the last minute of the game to hold on for a 1-0 win.

"This matchup tonight has huge playoff implications," said X goalie, Player 19, who hails from the Ukraine and has yet to allow a goal in three games. "When two of the best teams in the league come head-to-head, good and bad things are sure to happen."

The first half of the first period featured plenty of back and forth action which tested both team's stamina. X managed to keep Y from getting in too close to the net which allowed 19 to have plenty of time to track down the shots.

With time winding down in the first period, 12 ripped a low shot which was stopped initially by Y goalie, Player 7, but X winger, Player 14, was sitting on the

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-Y Captain, Player 17

doorstep to bang it home.

"Their forwards are just too strong and our defensemen can't handle them in front of the net," said Y captain Player 42. "We need to be blocking more shots that come from the point so they don't get loose in front of the net."

In the first two minutes of the second period, X took over offensively. X winger Player 17 took a blistering shot from the point but an all out diving save by 7 kept the score at 1-0.

The second period also brought much more physical play. Y center, Player 31, used his six-foot four, 238 pound frame to fend off defenders on his way to the net. He used his size to his advantage when overpowering X's small but persistent defenseman, Player 2, to get off a shot that trickled through 19's legs and across the crease but avoided crossing the goal line.

Player 54 moved the play to Y's end where 12 fed 17 in front of the net who buried the second goal of the game.

"I want to give 7 a lot of credit. It was 7's effort which kept the game as close as it was for as long as it was," commented 17 on the efforts of Y's goaltender.

With three minutes left to go in the game X got their third and final goal off a nice two on one play between 54 and 2.

The 3-0 win seals X's place atop the standings with a 3-0 record. X has 11 goals for and no goals against for the season.

This is intramural broomball.

Rogers Wins NEIGA Championship

Freshman Becomes First UVMer to Win in 38 Years



University Photo

University of Vermont freshman golfer Tom Rogers stunned the New England golf world Tuesday when he won the individual title at the 68th annual New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) Championship at the Captains Club.

Rogers, one of the top New England Prep golfers the last two years at Holderness, shot two rounds of 74 on the par-72 Post and Starboard courses at the Captains Club, and then won a one-hole playoff with a par, defeating Bryant College's Jason Clary.

A total of 232 golfers from 47 teams participated in the championship.

"On the final hole of the second round, he had three-putted to finish in the tie with Clary," UVM coach Mike Gilligan said. "It was great to see Tom respond like that in the playoff after a three-putt."

The first playoff hole was the tenth hole at the Starboard Course, a dogleg right par-4. Rogers pumped his drive through the fairway into a bunker about 145 yards from the green, while Clary went down the middle with a three-iron before hitting up short of the green.

On the way to his ball, Gilligan told Rogers to relax and have fun, and to take a shot at knocking the ball on the green. Rogers did what Gilligan asked of him, slamming an 8-iron onto the center of the putting surface.

A routine two-putt for par from Rogers, and a poor chip and two putts from Clary, gave the young Catamount the prestigious title.

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the guys to see one of their own win the title," Gilligan said. "They couldn't believe we were in that situation, watching one of our guys in a playoff for the New England title."

"This will help his future in golf and will certainly help the UVM golf program," Gilligan said Rogers was cool, calm and collected during the whole tournament.

"He seemed pretty cool," the ten-year Catamount coach said. "I don't think he realized how big a deal this was."

To be sure, it was a big deal. In winning the prestigious championship over the best collegiate golfers in New England, Rogers joins former UVM All-American and local golfing legend John Donnelly Sr. as the only

Catamount to win the NEIGA crown. Donnelly won the title in 1964 at Rutland Country Club.

Rogers also joins an impressive list of golfers who have won the NEIGA title. The list includes Senior PGA standout Dana Quigley of Rhode Island (1969), PGA veteran Jim Hallet (Bryant), a five-time winner from 1981 to 1983, and PGA pro Tim Petrovic of Hartford (1986).

Vermont finished in a tie for twenty-first place with a two-day total of 654. The Catamounts shot a 332 on the Port course and then came back with a 322 on the Starboard course, tying Fairfield and Worcester State. Rhode Island won the team title with 600 total strokes, while Middlebury College was eighth with 633.

Middlebury's Brad Tufts, who led after the first day, shot a 78 on Tuesday and tied for fifth.

Alex Squire finished in a tie for 86th (88-77-165) while Kyle Trzaskos tied for 126th (84-86-170). Shayne Bocash tied for 134th (86-85-171) and Andrew Siebengartner finished in a tie for 215th (96-94-190).

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Wallace Four President



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff

Adam Wallace scoring on of his four goals on Saturday en route to a 4-2 victory over Hartford

Vermont Senior Nets His Sixth Goal in Three Games

Senior Adam Wallace scored four goals to give Vermont a 4-2 victory over Hartford in America East men's soccer at Centennial Field on Saturday afternoon.

Wallace, one goal shy of the school record, became the first Catamount to score four times since October 3, 1976, when Gil Low had four against Norwich. He also has tallied six goals in his last three games after scoring only four times in the first 55 games of his career.

With the win, Vermont improves to 5-1-1 (16 points) in the America East, 10-5-1 overall and a perfect 6-0-1 at home this season.

Picked to finish seventh in the preseason coaches poll, the Catamounts moved into the conference lead ahead of Northeastern (5-1-0, 15 points) with one league game to play.

"Wally was tremendous today

and I couldn't be happier for him," commented Vermont coach Roy Patton on Wallace's performance. "He, like many of his teammates, has really found a great time to pick us up. Today was a great team effort for all the lads."

Wallace opened the scoring in the sixth minute finishing a rebound of a goalmouth drive by Tony Anderson. Eight minutes later, Anderson chipped a pass to Tim Parisi on the flank, and Parisi's right-to-left cross found Wallace, who nodded it home at the back post.

After the break, Hartford's Alon Lubezky cut the lead in half as he headed home a free kick by Guy Primor in the fifty-first minute. Less than three minutes later, Scott Webb was hauled by Hawks' keeper Ryan Carr and on

the ensuing penalty kick, Wallace beat Carr (five saves) to the left side.

Hartford (5-10-0, 3-3-0 America East) came right back and again it was Lubezky, who redirected, with his chest, a service from Primor past UVM keeper Ryan Corry.

But Wallace, after another feed from Parisi, put the game out of reach in the seventy-eighth minute blasting one home from 12 yards. With two assists, Parisi now has 14 in his career to move into a tie for sixth.

It was the last regular season home game for six Vermont seniors, Wallace, Parisi, Corry, Tim Parisi, Keli Helgason and Mike Samer. The Catamounts wrap up their regular season at Boston University on Sunday, November 3.

-Sports Info.

UVM Overcomes BU for Key League Win

Vermont goalkeeper Holly Colberg made a save on Boston University's Meredith Long in the final round of the penalty stroke-off as the Catamount field hockey team kept its America East playoff hopes alive with a 2-1 win over the Terriers at Archie Post Field Friday.

Vermont had not beaten Boston University since 1982.

"We stuck to our game plan today and we played disciplined hockey for 100 minutes," Vermont coach Nicki Houghton said. "Today, we showed what we are capable of."

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Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff
Sophomore Whitney Gage

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Student Groups Enliven Campus Late Nights

By MARC SOLEBELLO
Cynic Correspondant

In this fall semester of 2002, you may have noticed the sudden push for late night student activities. This change comes from the students and faculty members who have been motivated to bringing a new sense of school spirit to our campus.

According to Pat Brown, Director of Student Life, out of the "\$750,000 that the SGA has to give [out to specific groups here on campus], they have given this new program \$200,000."

This means more activities for students, and a way to build more of a campus community through these social gatherings.

"This all started with talk about a new Student Center," says Brown. "But we can't just build a building without programs." That is why efforts have been made to build such lineups, which include concerts, comedians, movies, and speakers.

There plan seems to have been successful. According to a previous press release on October 17, the concert of hip-hop band Jurassic 5 "drew a sell-out 2,600 to their show at Patrick Gym."

We can only hope for equal success with other activities, which will include two recent box office smashes: XXX and My Big Fat Greek Wedding, both which will be showing at CC Theater.

"These are nice alternative events to go to," says junior Jay Roudebush. "I noticed my freshman year that we didn't have a lot of nightly activities like other schools. I think this benefits all the students, including those who aren't into the drinking and partying scene 24 hours a day."

Indeed we can all benefit from such events. As David Nestor, Vice President of Student Affairs, said, "[These programs] can bring the campus community together by bringing fun to campus life." He went on to say that "although these recent programs are just the meat and potatoes [of what we can do]... the student and campus community needs these kinds of events."

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Hogan, Douglas Seek Election in Gubernatorial Race

By ROB WALKER
Cynic News Editor

& RUSSEL HENDERSON
Cynic Staff Writer

HOGAN

Con Hogan is Vermont's independent candidate in the gubernatorial election. He stands for Vermont family values and community based living.

He sees himself as having been instilled with a strong sense of duty, and as being able to bring together differing faction for the common good.

In the past he has worked largely on human services; his work has had a focus on the interests of children, families and communities.

Education has become an issue of importance in the 2002 elections. Hogan is of the opinion that the state should resolve its educational financial problems, not through increased spending, which he regards as not having had a significant impact but rather through directing funding to schools in a more efficient manner.

As Hogan has been quoted as saying, "It is not a problem of formulas. It is a spending problem." He would also like to see parent have more discretion over where their children go to school and

'It is not a problem of formulas. It is a spending problem'

- Con Hogan

would like to see the money follow the students.

Related to this is his growing concerns for the surprising number of Vermont students who are dismissed from the university of Vermont on account of their inability to maintain the grades necessary.

Hogan has taken on a synthesizing attitude where the economy and the environment are concerned. Vermont, in his opinion, has not developed a mutually beneficial relationship between the two and he aims to accomplish this.

Hogan wants to see businesses thrive in an environmentally sound manner, enabling the economic climate to thrive while providing the natural aspects of the state to remain pure and intact.



Evamarie Perron/VC Editor

He believes that the two can and will serve to further each other's purpose as long as there is strong guidance in the execution of the policy.

Hogan would like voters to see himself as someone who has and will continue to push Vermont in the right direction, as someone who has always come through in the interest of the people.

Through an overall modernization of the state government, hogan will attempt to bring the state's budget to a fiscally respon-

DOUGLAS

sible level, while keeping Vermont's sense of community and tradition intact.

Jim Douglas enters the gubernatorial race as no stranger to Vermont politics. He has served at nearly all levels of Vermont government and he looks to further his service to the state by being elected governor in November.

In his thirty years of service he has been a representative in the state legislature, the secretary of state, and has served as treasurer for the past 8 years.

On an interesting side-note, Douglas has amassed more votes in Vermont elections than any other person in state history.

Course Registration for Geniuses

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

With another semester coming to a close we are all asking the same questions: Can professors be bought, or do they have the uncompromising convictions/morals of Steven Segall in Under Siege 2: Dark Territory? When will Too Legit: The MC Hammer Movie be released on video? I can read?, and What classes can I take next semester?

Luckily for you, the average college student, I have taken the time to research the more interesting classes being offered next semester, and I also found out Too Legit: The MC Hammer Movie can be ordered directly from VH1's website.

What I could have never envisioned, was that I would uncover a very clever unofficial University policy designed to trap UVM students and drain them of their money... extremely subtle, yet extremely effective.

Once again the University though it prudent to offer CMSI 381: Stuttering, while in the same semester offering NR 185: Speaking and Listening.

Does the University think this kind of mockery is funny?

Can they not imagine a scenario involving a student intensely interested in Natural Resources, but lacking the skills

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What is The Vermont Cynic?

In this past few weeks, tempers have flared and angry phone calls and messages have been left about the Cynic.

People want an objective newspaper, but there is no such thing. CNN, *The New York Times* and other very respected news organizations are not objective by any means. Removing people's natural biases is extremely difficult, even in organizations full of professionals.

The paper has been called too conservative, way too liberal, run by chauvinistic pigs, "stupid because we can get the same news on CNN," too professional and not professional enough.

Now, we can't be all of these, that's just not possible. Our news section attempts to be as objective as possible, while our opinions/editorials section is, of course, not.

Some get confused about this section, yelling at us in angry moments of fury on our voice mail about how our opinions are wrong. Last time we checked, opinions cannot be wrong. If opinions were right and wrong, then they would be fact, and not opinion.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, and us representing many different views does not qualify us as "irresponsible journalists." Opinions, as the wise saying goes, are like noses, everybody has one.

Before people criticize our coverage and our paper, people should consider our masthead. "The Vermont Cynic." We're not the Catamount Weekly, and we haven't been for the last 119 years.

Our objective is to cover events and happenings on campus, and to also take a critical look at the University and the campus. It's not our job to paint a rosy picture

of UVM and the people who run it. It is our job to be cynical, at least on the opinions/editorials section.

Our columnists and letters to the editor are the sole opinion of those writers credited. The only thing that is in fact the opinion of the paper is the uncredited editorial on the left side of page 2.

People claim we act too professional and don't cover the right things in the Cynic, stuff they can get on CNN.

There are some issues, as serious and "boring" as they may be, that need to be covered, included issues of drug abuse, violence and other national issues that affect college students.

Sorry that it's not as interesting as "Light beer v. dark beer," but I don't feel that a paper full of those types of 'investigative journalism' is professional by any means. We'll save that for April 1.

For those who say that we're not professional enough, we're not as expansive and don't have the experience of the AP and The Boston Globe.

We're a bunch of hard-working full-time undergrads trying our darndest to put a product for the entire university, slaving on old Macs at 6am on a Monday morning, pulling all-nighters every week to get the paper out for people to enjoy and criticize every Tuesday morning.

So, the next time you're complaining to your friends, or to us, just remember what we're trying to do for the University.

We do welcome constructive criticism, as well as praise. If you think you can make the paper better, we challenge you to come down and join us, every Wednesday at 5pm down in our office in Billings.

A's & F's

A's

- To all of the students who support the faculty union. It's great to see students care about their professors.

- To all of the fans at the hockey game last Friday. Many don't think fan support isn't here, or not important, but the students making the Gut roar proved them wrong.

- To all of the student refs to do a great job working all hours to ref intramurals. Keep up all the great effort!

F's

- To high school sex ed for not preparing kids for the realities of college. Where did it all go wrong?

- To Fogel to wanting to increase class size in already too big classes throughout the University. Last time we checked, this isn't LSU.

- To the Marche, to having a poor selection of food and being way overpriced.

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Joke Gets Out of Hand

To the Editor:

I would like to apologize for dragging my good buddy's reputation through the mud in a public manner.

I sent a letter to the Cynic pretending to be my friend and said that an honor society had rejected me due to my drinking. I never thought the letter would be published, especially without the Cynic contacting the person to confirm it as it obviously deals with a touchy subject.

The joke was supposed to be that my friend would explain to your paper not to publish such a stupid letter. And that would be the end of it.

However things obviously got out of my hands.

Right now I have my foot so far in my mouth my toes are in my stomach. Hopefully this letter will be the first step in making things right.

I am sorry for using the Cynic as the tool of a bad practical joke and I'm sorry for involving the honor society.

Most of all I'm very sorry for causing a lot of grief and trouble to someone I regard as one of the best friends that an idiot like me could possibly have.

Devin Foxall

Former class of 2003

NSCS Wants to Set It Straight

To the Editor:

As the executive board of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, we would like to take this opportunity to respond publicly to the allegations made in the Oct. 29 letter to the editor "True Honor Society?"

We were shocked and appalled by the statements that were made by Chris Lancaster. NSCS prides itself on leadership, scholarship and community service.

We are actively seeking individuals to take over leadership in our society; however, to date, no spots have been filled.

The allegation that Mr. Lancaster

was denied a position is simply not true.

We would like to apologize to the 663 members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars for the irresponsible journalism and spreading of rumors.

We encourage all members to actively seek leadership roles in NSCS and invite all members to attend our board meetings on Monday, Nov. 11 and Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 8pm in Cook Commons.

For more information, please contact Joanna Specter at jspecter@zoo.uvm.edu.

The Executive Board of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Column on Leftists Not Right

To the Editor:

In his recent article, Russell Henderson sought to criticize the movement against the war on Iraq, and especially the manifestation this movement took recently with the protest at City Hall.

However, in doing so, he managed to attack many of the issues that that the 'right' in this country associate with the 'leftists.'

His criticized the protest, saying that it was not about pacifism but about anti-Bushism.

But, sad to say, those two bents unite under the current administration.

I am a patriotic American, and I care about this country and the potential we have to improve the world.

Therefore, I find it of the utmost importance to voice my dissent when I see our country's government in the hands of an administration I believe to be a. controlled by corporations when it comes to economic issues and b. that answers to the Christian right when it comes to social issues.

And since neither corporate America nor the Christian right embody the values of an egalitarian society and of individual freedom that America is all about, I find the current administration, not the so-called 'leftists' that the column refers to, to be the true anti-Americans.

The column sites the example of an anti-IMF protest in New York in which union workers at a construction site threw rocks at the protesters, and uses this one example as a reason to broadly suggest that 'these crusaders for the working class are shunned by the people whose cause they claim to advance.'

First of all, the opinions of one group of construction workers do not embody the views of all working-class Americans, and furthermore, one of the main concerns of the anti-IMF/World Bank/ITO movement is the treatment of workers by these corporations in other countries.

Countries where poor workers work 20 hour shifts in sweat shops and take home 40 cents a day because corporations can cut costs by employing workers there rather than workers here.

Other points made in the article are not even worth addressing, such as the criticism of the feminist movement.

Henderson scoffs at it because some people who crusade for a woman's right to choose and against domestic violence are somehow hypocritical in their stances. Why?

Because, he says, they choose not to label themselves as feminists. What?

The column concludes by saying that "the far left is helping to stifle the very dissent it seeks to encourage."

Perhaps many issues that the 'far left' tend to bring up are equally uncomfortable for Democratic and Republican politicians alike.

However, the dissent of the moderates in Washington against the far-right hardly goes far enough in addressing the issues this country desperately needs to confront with regard to, as Henderson's column so aptly dubbed it, the Bush-Cheney-Ashcroft Axis of Evil.

Shap Sweeney

Class of 2003

Professor Unfairly Forced to Resign

Professor Steve Pastner cleaves pre-class silence with his powerful voice.

"I can honestly say that, without a doubt, these next few minutes will be the most interesting moments of your career here at UVM."

He then exalts his 31 years at UVM. But Pastner's face turns grim as he explains that he is quitting, "effective immediately." Everyone is in awe. Finally, Pastner conveys his love and best wishes.

Pride, respect, admiration and appreciation mount in everyone's hearts and minds until no one can hold back thunderous applause. Pastner declares class over. On their way out, almost all students shake Pastner's hand and thank him.

Why was Professor Pastner, a teacher praised as "one of UVM's gems," forced to stop teaching?

Last fall semester, in Professor Pastner's "Revitalization Movements" class, a problem arose. During one lecture, Professor Pastner mentioned the Abenaki tribe of Vermont and pointed out that they had not yet achieved federal recognition or funding.

After class, a female student approached him, offended that he had not given the Abenaki tribe more recognition, and thought he should change his class structure. Pastner then pointed out that "it's not the duty of the professors to

take their students by the hand and tell them 'oh, whatever you think is right is right.'" He wasn't going to omit information to the class.

Soon, the student began filing bogus claims against him. One claim stipulated that he was drinking on the job. He admits that he brought a bottle of wine to one class, but only because it was given to him directly before class by a thankful student. Another claim stated that he was discriminating against her for not letting her write her chosen paper topic.

Such decisions are made at the discretion of a professor, the leader of the class. We should be grateful that professors are here to share their knowledge. But this girl was most unappreciative.

The student was harassing her professor. Pastner endured the judicial and administrative processes and was found entirely innocent. Unsurprisingly, then, the end of the semester was a great relief for him.

So how appalled and frustrated must he have been to discover, this semester, the mother of the student who had put him through so much to be enrolled in his "Revitalization Movements" course? He immediately went to the administration, arguing that he must have this lady out. He needed the aegis of the university to protect him.

Yet, like a bastard son, Professor Pastner was disowned

by our institution. The university proclaimed that he had to have her in his class, for everyone has a right to an education. But it was evident that the woman was not there to learn.

Yet Pastner had no choice. He had appealed to every level of administration to no avail. He was forced to leave.

Since Pastner's departure, the student's mother—the woman entitled to an education like anyone else—has yet to show up for another class. She was not taking the class for intellectual advancement.

Rather, she was raping the system. The motives of one selfish woman took precedence over the intellectual advancement of over 300 legitimate students. For ultimate political correctness, the university alienated the very people at its foundation.

Professor Pastner, as the students and the administration—even his boss-know, is a brilliant professor, and one who could have enlightened many more students.

Students have flocked to his classes for more than 30 years. No longer, though. As Paul Georgieff said, "It's a shame that one person's hypersensitivity to political correctness could ruin a class for 300 other people."

Nicholas C. Bewley is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005

Zuckerman and Kiss Discuss the Issues

Over the last six weeks, we've had the opportunity to go to every UVM dorm, walk on every floor and knock on your door as part of our effort to register new voters and to talk about the issues.

Our message is clear: as Progressives we bring an independent voice to Montpelier. We work on issues and we put people first. Our record is consistent with our message: 1) We opposed the Republican led effort to restrict students' right to vote. We have fought and defeated this kind of legislation anytime it's been introduced. 2) We worked to pass and uphold Vermont's landmark Civil Union law. We are unwavering in our support and we will continue to fight for civil rights for all. 3) We are 100% pro-choice. We support Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose. 4) We are also leading the fight for rental housing health and safety, medical marijuana decriminalization, energy conservation and better outdoor lighting, a ban on genetically engineered food, and improved democracy through Instant Run-Off Voting. 5) Key environmental, labor, education and civil

rights groups have endorsed us because we offer effective, issue-oriented leadership in Montpelier. We build alliances to find solutions that work.

Every year that we have been in the legislature, the UVM budget appropriation has increased at a greater rate than the overall state budget. But still, the rising costs of tuition and fees at UVM threaten to put higher education out of reach for many students.

We know this will not be fixed overnight. We hope to return to Montpelier to continue progress made during our tenure.

We are also the only legislators willing to lead a discussion to reverse recent tax cuts for the wealthy that have put us in this bind. UVM's increased funding is at stake. Without finding new resources even UVM may be on the chopping block.

You are the future. You play an important role in the local community and the state. Let's move forward together. Be sure to vote today!

Reps. Bob Kiss and Dave Zuckerman

Palestinians Built Up By U.S., Then Shot Down

Recently, Greg Rudolph invited us to compare the South African apartheid regime to that of Israel.

Gaza and the West Bank have over 3,300,000 Palestinians, and living among them are 383,000 Israeli colonists.

The Israeli government encourages the "settlements" by confiscating lands from the Palestinians, and then legislating subsidies, tax breaks and cut-rate mortgages.

While there are Arab members in the Israeli parliament (about 10%, all in favor of a viable Palestinian state), they represent Israel's *other* 1.1 million Arabs. Palestinians living in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza are deemed unworthy of citizenship, the right to vote and the right to representation in the Knesset.

However, the Knesset passes Israeli laws that directly affect the lives of these very people. So, in these occupied territories we have 300,000 subjugate the 3,000,000. Not apartheid? Bishop Desmond Tutu, the anti-Apartheid leader, would disagree:

"What is...not justified is what [Israel] did to... people to guarantee its existence. I've been...distressed in my visit to the Holy Land; it reminded me...of what happened to us black people in South Africa. I...have seen...Palestinians...suffering like us when young white police officers prevented us from mov-

ing about."

Rudolph states that "colonialism" has negative connotations. What other connotations could there be? Does "imperialism" have a *positive* connotation to him? If people think that these terms have some sort of positive meaning, we are in trouble. It is no slander to call Israel's expansionist-militaristic "settlement" policy by its real name, by its real manifestation of occupation and oppression. Colonialism.

Until he physically experiences it first hand, I don't think Rudolph knows how disgustingly illogical, inhumane and painful imperialistic greed is.

Rudolph calls the Camp David's 96% territory concession an absurdly good offer. Indeed, why would Israel do such a thing? Why would the Palestinians refuse this offer? Well, the proposal would have left the Palestinians with lands crisscrossed by settlements.

They would be disconnected from each other, economically crippled and controlled by Israelis, as well as cut off from the main water supplies. According to Israeli peace group Gush Shalom: "[The proposal] is no generous offer. It is a humiliating demand for surrender!"

Not many people want violence, but apparently a few like to profit from it. Terrorism, either out of desperate hatred (Palestinians) or the systematic, state-sponsored kind (Israelis),

needs to stop, no matter how good the weapons business is for some US corporations.

Although Rudolph calls aid to Palestine "incredible amount of money," the \$80 million amount received by the Palestinians last year is nothing. All US funds for the Palestinians go to specific projects rather than to the Palestinian Authority, and they are regulated and accounted for under very strict US guidelines, making Rudolph's accusations baseless.

Arafat and his cronies get their hate money from other sources, chief among them Bushes' own oil ally the fundamentalist authoritarian kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Compare this to \$3 billion that the US sends Israel, the official figure. The actual annual figure is probably closer to \$10 billion. At least a quarter of this aid is purely for military purposes.

While constant violence in the Middle East is great news to US "defense" contractors, do they expect the people paying for this repulsive mess to stay silent? Silent or not, visible are Palestinian homes built using small amounts of US humanitarian aid, destroyed by weapons purchased and developed using US military aid-incredible.

FaRied Ibrahim is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005



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All We Need Is A Democratic World: Full of Promise and Void of Racism

Are the self-identified campus "reactionaries" simply a collection of ignorant people? Or are they purposely using ad hominem arguments and knowingly coating their malice with euphemism?

Can Mr. Henderson and Mr. Kantor really be so obtuse as to think that Palestinian and African American resistance are ab initio causes of the world's problems? Or that the Communist Party of Stalinist, state capitalist Russia is tantamount to international socialism and workers' democracy?

In a society where more blacks will go to jail than graduate college this year, with a black population on death row of over 40% (blacks do not commit 40% of murders) and police brutality still plaguing our cities (Timothy Thomas, Abner Louima, Amadou Diallo, et. al.), how can you not expect blacks to rebel in a myriad of ways? Injustice always breeds resistance-and the

scale of state repression defines the breadth and rationality of the reaction.

Moving on. The issue of the Palestinian Intifada is often corrupted in order to confuse. In 1948, 700,000 Palestinians were removed, or otherwise coerced, from their land. Joseph Weitz, head of the Jewish Agency's Colonization Department in Israel, stated in 1940: "There is no room for both peoples together in this country . . . [We must] transfer all of them (Arabs); not one village, not one tribe shall be left."

Since then, the most the Palestinians have EVER been offered back has been a mere 23% of historic Palestine (Camp David through Oslo). Over three million Palestinians now live in the squalor of refugee camps-and have rightly rejected these awful concessions, demanding the constitution of one, secular, democratic state for Jews and Arabs in all of historic

Palestine. It was only after this rational and just idea was repeatedly rejected by Israel that the Palestinian resistance turned desperate.

Finally (excuse the lack of segue), on organized labor and so-called 'anti-American' protests: Mr. Henderson, you are either delusional or deceitful because I was at the anti-IMF protest you mentioned, and all I remember was getting thumbs-up from the construction workers and hotel cleaners as we marched by.

And as for the anti-war movement—some of the unions that have passed anti-war resolutions, or endorsed anti-war events, include: the Albany Central Federation of Labor, the Washington State Labor Council, the California Federation of Teachers, the United Electrical workers, 1199/SEIU Health and Human Services Union, AFSCME Local 215, NY Taxi Workers Alliance, Teamsters Local 705,

AFT Local 2334 and even AFL-CIO President John Sweeney has waxed critical of Bush's war drive.

Unlike local reactionaries and the campus parties that harbor them, socialists have nothing to hide. We are for a truly democratic world where the vast majority of people who create society's wealth collectively control the distribution of that wealth—a world thereby devoid of racism, nationalism and sexism. As a purveyor of those ideas that benefit the wealthy at the expense of regular people, Henderson is the logical consummation of the nature of capitalist society. In a word, we unabashedly stand diametrically opposed to everything that he stands for.

Keith Rosenthal is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

Marxism is Alive and Well: Cambridge, Berkeley and Burlington

Brace yourselves for this one. Marxism is dead. Sure, it holds out in a few bastions; Cambridge, Berkeley and yes, Burlington have yet to learn of its demise.

Thankfully, however, its practical application is all but over. The failings of Cuban socialism are embodied in the well-publicized community of exiles in Miami, many of whom defied death to escape the island, and the fact that Fidel Castro has a net worth of \$300 million.

Not to be outdone, Chinese socialism is unparalleled for its human rights abuses, forced abortions and the poverty of its peasants. Posterity is no kinder to Marxism. If one is to calculate the total cost of communism in lives, the death toll of fascism (itself heavily influenced by Marxism) appears mild by comparison.

Between Stalin's purges, Mao's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution, the Khmer Rouge genocide largely facilitated by the oft-lionized Vietnam protesters and

numerous other communist debacles, an estimated 100,000,000 deaths are directly attributable to Marxism.

The impoverishment of Africa and South America owe neither to globalization nor evil multinationals but to Western-educated rulers who assumed power since WW II propounding Marxism and embarking on socialist policies that have resulted in economic disaster.

America's tenured faculty and their collegiate protégées are not, however, deterred by messy things like facts. Witness Noam Chomsky's denial of the Cambodian genocide or the New Left's silence over the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in '68 for evidence of this. They have devised a crafty excuse for Marxism's failings, namely that 'true socialism' has never been attempted.

Both Stalin and Mao enacted collectivization and the type of redistribution of wealth and 'worker's council' model of governance advocated by the International

Socialist Organization, and similar radical groups; if neither Stalinism nor Maoism represents 'true socialism,' I shudder at the ISO's conception of it. Put simply, what they advocate is communism. Capitalism is undoubtedly imperfect. Some people prosper while others fail, whether because of laziness, bad luck or poor preparation for a market economy. In America, however, the earnings of the successful help fund the safety net that buoys the less prosperous.

The characterization of Bush's tax cuts as a boon for the wealthy is accurate simply because they pay the preponderance of the taxes. The top 1% of the population earns 19.5% of the GDP but shoulders 36% of the tax burden; the top 5% of wage earners pay 55% of taxes, while the top 1/3 pays 83%. The bottom 50% pays just 5%.

Thus, America demonstrates clearly that the successes of capitalism can make life very comfortable for its less fortunate. It is unfortunate that America's 'brightest'

minds continue to advocate the shackling of countries to an oppressive system that has robbed billions of freedoms, killed countless millions and caused still more to languish in poverty.

Thankfully, the decision to embrace democracy and free-market capitalism rather than a regime based on economic and political coercion rests not with the American intelligentsia but with the affected people. Cuban refugees, Vietnamese 'boat people' and millions of others have chosen to cast their ballots with their feet.

The votes have been tallied and the carcass of Soviet communism stands as a historical monument to victor and vanquished. Unfortunately, 'intellectuals' on this campus and others like it have yet to get the message.

Russel Henderson is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

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Women's Center Earns Grant to Expand

A \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Violence Against Women Office will help the Women's Center at the University of Vermont expand campus and community programs to reduce violent crimes against women on campus.

Two years ago, UVM was among 20 institutions out of 120 applicants to receive the initial DOJ grants.

Eight of the originally funded grantees, including UVM, recently received continuation funding.

The overall goal of the grant is to strengthen community response to violence against women through education and advocacy.

Objectives focus on developing and strengthening security, investigation and education strategies to prevent and respond to relationship violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes on campus.

The central component in UVM's program is the Campus Advocacy Program.

Anne Smith, who was hired as a victims' advocate through the

original DOJ grant, offers confidential support to victims and provides them with information about their medical, legal, and counseling options as well as local resources.

Smith works with campus and community service providers and law enforcement and speaks regularly on campus to make students, staff, and faculty aware of advocacy services.

She will collaborate with UVM's Office of Judicial Affairs to develop training programs for campus disciplinary boards and participate in the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigation's First Responder Training team.

"It's hard to feel like part of a community if you don't feel safe," said Sharon Snow, director of the UVM Women's Center.

Recent statistics reflect that one in 20 women are victims of rape or attempted rape on college campuses each year.

Snow said that those statistics are unreliable because many gender-related crimes are never reported.

"We expect the number of reported violent incidents to go

up," she said, "as more women become aware that we offer a safe, reliable place and resources to meet their needs."

Plans are being developed to reach out to student athletes, Greek Life, ALANA, and LGBT members of the campus community and to enhance a centralized response protocol involving university staff, campus and local law enforcement, the Women's Rape Crisis Center and Women Helping Battered Women.

In addition, a new campus-based Gender Violence Response Team staffed by campus and community members will focus on campus policies and coordinate additional education and prevention services.

That effort includes reframing the concept of gender violence as a societal and community issue with men as equal partners in the solution.

"Our goal is to create a campus culture that has zero tolerance of gender violence and that holds perpetrators responsible," said Luann Rolley, project director.

-Staff Report

Cynical Inquisition

Compiled by Kristen Rigney

If you had three days to do anything at all, what would you do?



"I would go West. Just walk with my backpack and boots."

Alicia Turner, 2005

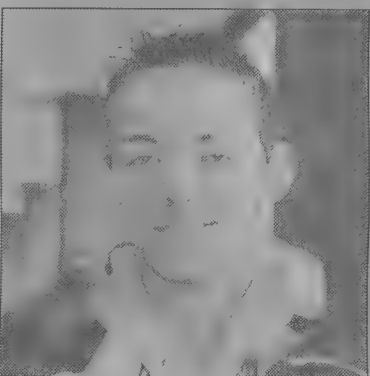
"I would want to go West with Alicia."

Todd Taylor, 2005, visiting from WPI



"I would go into outer space".

Maria Hayes, 2005



"I would proclaim myself ruler of a small country. And I would have subjects, lots of them. And they would be loyal."

Evan Litwin, 2005



"I would want to go to the bottom of the ocean and be able to see and breathe."

Tayler-Knopf, 2006

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Nocturnal Revival at UVM

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He hopes that these "experimental programs can help make the campus rhythm more upbeat and attractive."

In the past, UVM has truly lacked programs that draw a crowd of students to intermingle with each other. If these programs can attract students, and be advertised as well, then there is a good chance that the idea of broadening campus life can become a reality.

Hopefully students will be intrigued by these events, and also put their own input into what they would like to see here at UVM. "I hope that everyone has the chance to attend," says Brown. "We're going to make this work."

RESULTS FROM THE VERMONT CYNIC ONLINE POLL:

Who are you going to vote for for Vermont State Representative?

Tony Gierzynski & Nancy Kirby (60%; 21 votes)

David Zuckerman & Bob Kiss (23%; 8 votes)

I haven't decided. (0%; 0 votes)

I'm voting elsewhere. (11%; 4 votes)

I'm not voting anywhere. (6%; 2 votes)

Douglas Looks to Take Over; Battle for Lt. Governor Heats Up Between the Left and the Right

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level of state funding provided to the University of Vermont. It is imperative that higher education in Vermont be a priority and I plan to work with President Fogel in order to find ways to lower tuition costs for students."

While this is a positive thing, Douglas hopes to see that money is employed in more a more efficient manner.

He hopes to see more opportunity for parents to send their students to the schools they'd like to see them attend.

Douglas also sees the incredible rise in the use of heroin as representative of a larger, growing drug problem.

He intends to work hard to combat this and will focus on drug education and prevention.

Douglas is Vermont's republican voice in the gubernatorial elections and would like to provide Vermonters with enough opportunities that no one, as his slogan proclaims, should have to leave the state as a consequence of a lack of economic possibilities.

Dubie, Pollina Run for Lieutenant Governor

The office of Lieutenant Governor will also be voted on in the midterm elections this November. Anthony Pollina is a progressive candidate with some fresh ideas and the drive to get things done in Vermont.

As he puts it, "I will redefine the office of Lieutenant Governor as an advocate for the people of the state of Vermont."

He has been utilizing a grassroots campaign to get people to fight for the issues that they consider important.

Education has become a pertinent issue amongst Vermonters because the current educational system relies heavily upon local jurisdictions to bear the heaviest burden when it comes to financing public schools. Pollina would try to redirect the source of the funding so that it comes from income taxes rather than property taxes.

This would centralize the school system and allow for more funding to reach less affluent districts. Pollina wants greater funding for schools across all levels, including those at the collegiate level.

This directly affects the University of Vermont in that, with greater state funding the cost of education at UVM might go down from its current status of highest in the nation.

The environment has always been a priority for Pollina, and his devotion to it is responsible for his platform concerning it. Vermont farmers have always weighed heavily in elections as they are vital to the state's economy.

Pollina would like the voter to see him as a Progressive candidate with the welfare of Vermonters as the focus of his campaign. He will try to reform the office of Lieutenant Governor and in so doing, achieve a greater unity amongst people from all over the state.

Republican candidate Brian Dubie anticipates victory. Dubie graduated from UVM before serving as a commander in the Vermont Air Guard and with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He received a Meritorious Service Medal for his coordination of emergency response teams at Ground Zero. Most of his political experience is at the local level, though he opposed Doug Racine in the 2000 lieutenant gubernatorial election.

Dubie identifies his primary

goal as helping to create a healthy job market. "When I graduated from UVM I had five or six job offers to choose from. I want UVM students to have the same opportunities." Dubie has pledged to support UVM both financially and emotionally.

"UVM is Vermont's flagship educational institution. It needs money but it also needs cheerleaders to help with marketing." He also pointed to the potential for job creation stemming from University programs.

Dubie highlighted the \$64 million granted to the College of Medicine, which has spawned successful start-up businesses, and pointed to similar possibilities for the College of Engineering and the College of Agriculture. "This has the potential to make a real difference in economic development."

A Republican sweep of the top offices and the legislature would be a significant change in a state most consider a Democratic bastion. Al Gore won decisively in 2000, Howard Dean has been in office for a decade, and the Congressional delegation includes Patrick Leahy, one of the Senate's most liberal voices, as well as Independent Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist. The election of Jim Douglas and Brian Dubie would suggest an unexpected shift to the right for a state that is readily, and often proudly, recognized as one of the most left-leaning states in the nation.

For more information please visit the candidates' respective websites:

Governor

: www.conhogan.com

: www.jimdouglas.org

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Ranting And Raving

There is no such thing as a funny female comic (this would usually be true if you didn't consider Sarah Silverman). Let's take a look at female comics:

Rosie O'Donnell:

She has never been funny, and she is now gay. It seems highly likely that her coming out was a publicity stunt. Her show was not funny either.

Janeane Garofalo:

She is perhaps one of the worst comics, male or female, of our time. I read the book that she wrote with Ben Stiller and was seriously dissatisfied. *Why Not Me?* by Al Franken was a funnier book. She should have stuck with Dr. Katz. At least then we wouldn't have to see or hear her.

Roseanne:

With the exception of her rendition of the National Anthem, she has no comic or personal sense. After all, she married Tom Arnold, and starred on "Roseanne". All too often she relies on humor based on the shortcomings of men. This would be fine if she also made jokes about the shortcomings of women, or could tell a decent joke.

Sarah Silverman:

She is by far the only funny female comic today. She doesn't rely on cheap jokes about relationships and men; she understands comedy in a very unique way. She is also not afraid to tell offensive/controversial jokes. In the sea of female comics, she is the light house every troubled sailor hopes to see but rarely encounters.

Female comics need to diversify their material. Instead of staying with jokes about relationships, couldn't female comics tell universally funny jokes? The Answer: No.

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New Classes for The Spring Semester

New classes prove diverse, interesting

(Continued from Front)

required to be successful in NR 285? Is this an honest mistake, or another one of their "games"? Could these classes be for students interested in studying stuttering? I think not.

It would seem that next semester's academic schedule is riddled with such "mistakes", for example:

BIOL 282: Eco. Lunch is

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scheduled from 12:20p.m. to 1:10p.m., during our regular lunchtime. NFS 165: Management of Eating Disorders is curiously scheduled from 9:05 am to 9:55 am MWF, occupying the time period just after, or before, breakfast. POLS 149: Consent and Coercion has absolutely nothing to do with coercion and consent. Does the University want its students to fail? Are they setting us up for a very expensive fall? Do they want to rock?

In order to answer these questions, I decided to consult the "Higher Ups" in the Fogel Administration. I was initially stonewalled, and after being asked to leave at least two offices, I decided to allegedly break into Waterman, allegedly at 3:19a.m.

Academic Watch

on Halloween to find the answers I allegedly sought.

While allegedly in Waterman I allegedly got lost and allegedly had to break a window to get out. While allegedly inside I also allegedly became very bored, so I allegedly marked all the classes that I believe I should receive an automatic 'A' in:

MUS 001: Intro Music Listening

Anne Dudley, Billy Joel, Cliff Martinez, Elliot Goldenthal, Elton John, Ennio Morricone, Enya, Nancy Wilson, New Radicals, Nine Inch Nails, Oasis, Patrick Doyle, Buckethead. Done.
Grade: A

EC 171 & 172: Macroeconomic & Microeconomic Theory

One is large, one is small. End of a very simple story.
Grade: A

EDHI 362: The American College Student

I should have received these credits at the beginning of the year. This is ridiculous.
Grade: A

EDPE 055: Life Skills for Student Athletes

This would have been an especially easy class for me. It's almost too bad I'm neither a student athlete, nor am I a moron.
Grade: A

ASCI 134: CREAM

Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker, and Eric Clapton...rocked!
Grade: A

ASCI 298: Horse Barn Coop

Pay very close attention:
Car Garage Boat
Goat Cow Pig
Iraq Cheney Oil
Jam Master Jay
Grade: A

ASTR 023: Astr Lab 1: Measuring the Sky

It's very big...very big. Those were three very easy credits.
Grade: A

ASCI 298: Horses as Therapeutic Riding Tools

This is in fact a lie. Horses are not therapeutic. They



Jessica Kostin/VC Staff

A good physical education department is very important for maintaining a proper physique.

are very stupid animals.
Grade: A

FILM 107: Film Criticism

"The Cable Guy" is misunderstood and ahead of its time. Simply put, the movie is genius. If you want to see a bad movie, watch "O Brother Where Art Thou".
Grade: A

HON 229: Honors German

Why not? Grade: A
So even though I have failed to uncover yet another con-

spiracy, I will rest at ease knowing that all of these classes are "in the bag". As for the rest of you, I can only say that the courses next semester look incredibly labor and time intensive. They will no doubt leave you sans social life. You may even have to withdraw from UVM all together. Remember to set your alarm for 6:00a.m. sharp. Good luck!

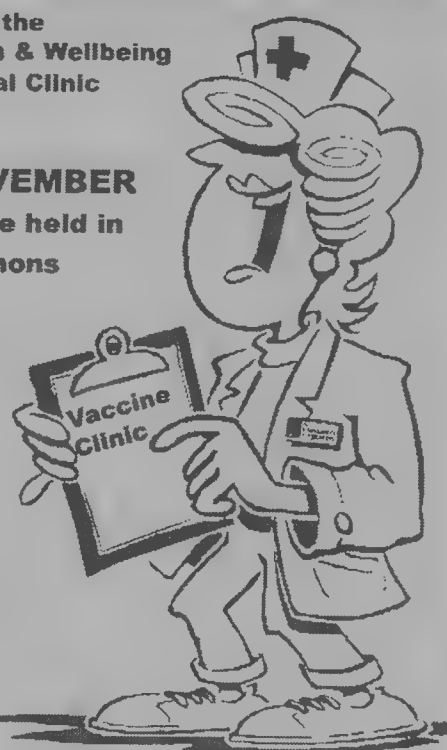
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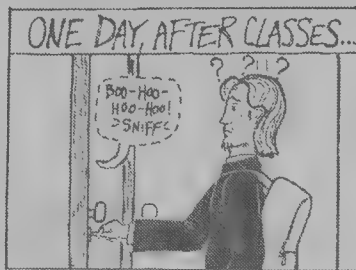
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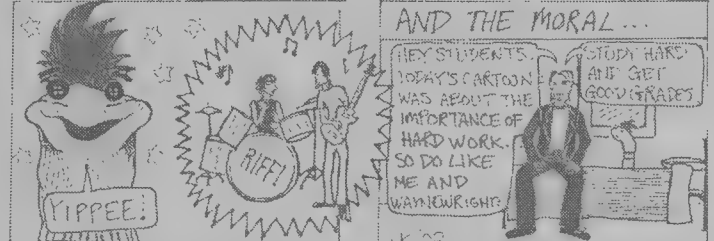
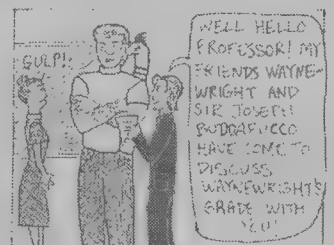
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Toasted Vegetables takes its name from a once popular comic strip that appeared in The Vermont Cynic. It was funny, but seriously lacking in vision. It was too often unwilling to tackle tough issues--issues like relationships, grades, etc. What you see today is a comic strip unafraid to tackle such issues, a comic strip that transcends mere comedy and in doing so becomes universal. Toasted Vegetables: The Revival.

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Aries

March 21 - April 19

You are incredibly lazy. Look at yourself. Luckily for you, I've entered you into "The Timber Sports" competition held in Portland, OR. Yeah, I know you think that Timber Sports are synonymous with "minimum wage manual labor", but I have to eat, and I need time to relax. I can't do this if you're not earning at least enough money to support my family. Now, if you're done whining, I'd like to have my dinner.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Your wardrobe could use an early spring cleaning! Ha ha ha ha. That was incredibly funny! Ohhh...early spring cleaning!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You have trouble relating to many different kinds of people. Try educating yourself. I heard *Lifetime* is having a special about single dads. This will help you in your ability to recognize "good" Dads, and lightly bearded "bad" Dads. Without me to help you you'd probably asking stupid questions all day. Like a little child. They're stupid.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Mary Kate and Ashley are getting closer to legal. Why do they toy with me like this? They're like snipers, aiming at my heart. Bang! A felony heartbreak.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Yes, I do need to watch M-Television everyday. I know you're my roommate, but when BroHammer says he wants his M-Television- Stop it! Stop laughing! BroHammer is my new nickname, and you will- Stop it! Stop laughing!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

You have a very hard job being

the Maintenance Manager of a public high school. You have to make hard decisions everyday. Like: Do I run this weight down to Boston, or cut it up here and stay happy with the lower price I'll get. Oh you High School Maintenance Managers! Y'all crazy!

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Take some time for you this week. Try being a little more creative with your free time. Why not learn to cook. No, forget that. Call your ex and ask for forgiveness. He/she is like aged cheese, delicious, but so sweet and stinky it makes you want to eat until you puke, and eat more until you puke again. Amber loved cheese...

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Try being a little more responsible. If you're going to go to a party, hang out in your dad's office, or hang around a dangerous place. Don't smoke marijuana. You could be raped, killed, or support Osama Bin Laden. You're awful...awfully funny!

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

Shaggy's new song really sucks. No surprise there.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

If you want her to like you, try saying this: Is that a mirror in your pants, or am I hideously drunk and hanging out in the women's room? Oh, it is a mirror.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

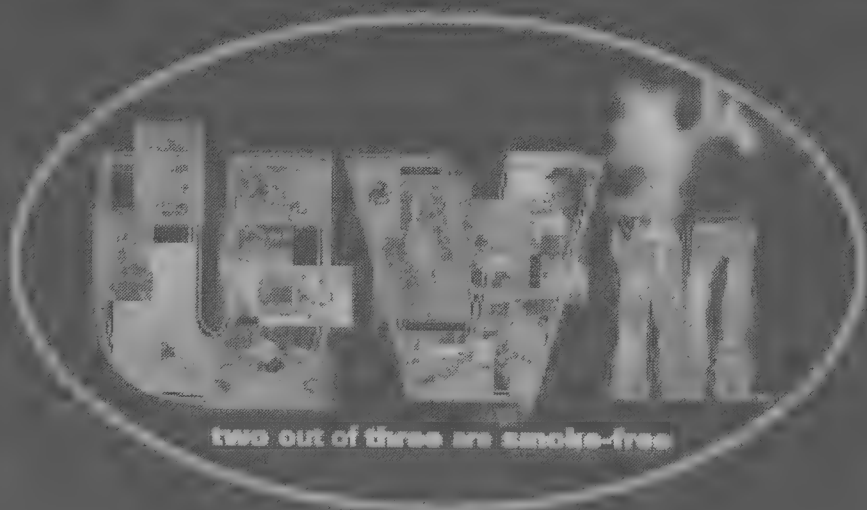
I like this comfortable rock 'n' roll. I guess Ah Ha isn't cool after-all. Look at your body. Wow.

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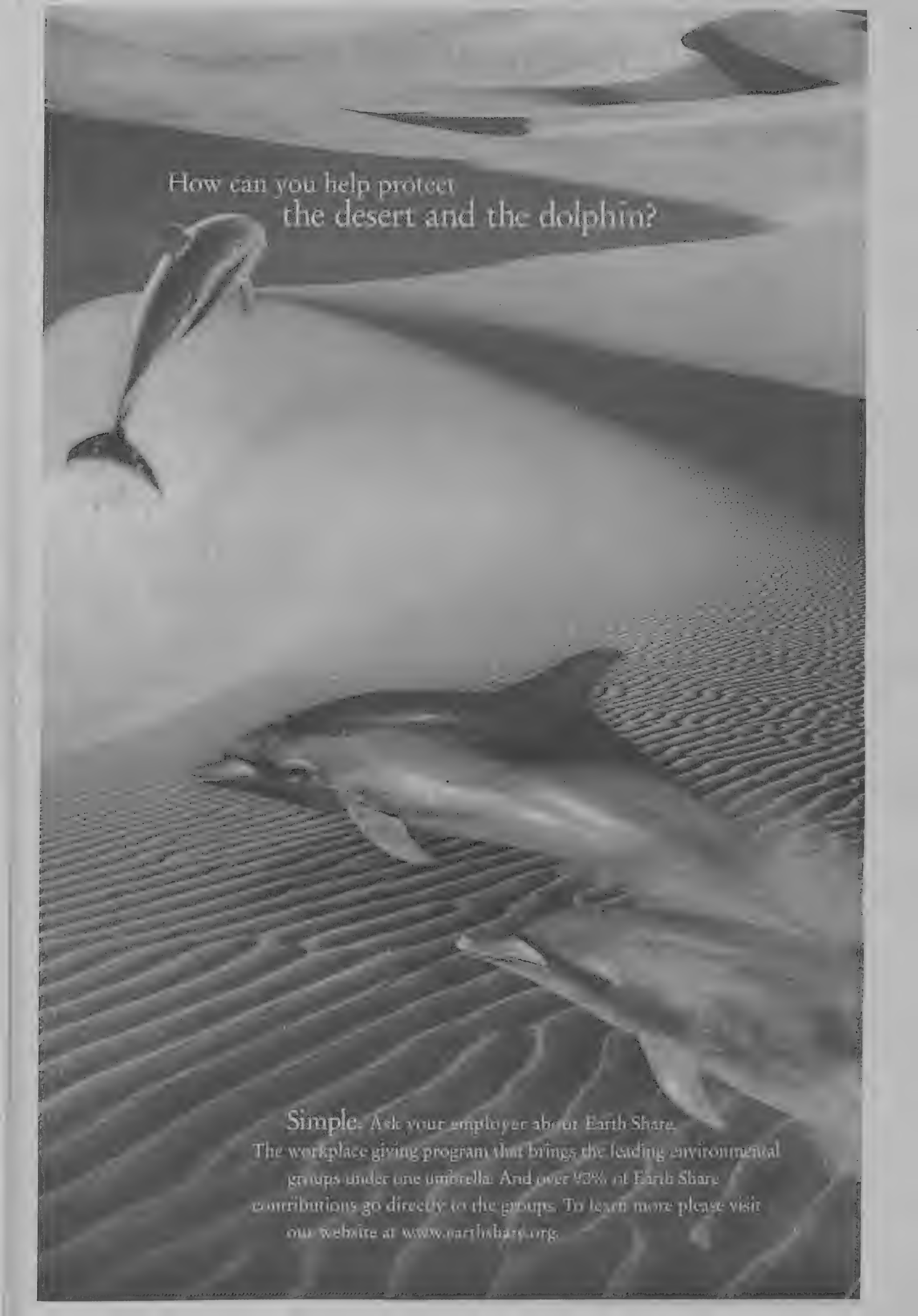
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

You'll get nothing and like it! I win again!

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Goings On About Campus

TUESDAY:

7 pm to 9 pm — FILM: "Late Summer Blues." Hebrew film with English subtitles. Allen House Room 104. Information, 656-1153.

WEDNESDAY:

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm — LECTURE: "African Americans in Stalin's Russia," Denise Youngblood, History Department. Part of International and Area Studies and ALANA Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series. Old Mill, Room 325, John Dewey Lounge. ADA: 656-3166. Information: 656-1096, 656-2263.

3 pm to 5 pm — TALK: "In Celebration of Diversity and Our Common Ground," by professor emeritus Dolores Sandoval. Part of President's Commission on Racial Equality (PCORE) Speaker Series and Building Our Community Learning Days. Reception to follow in Grace Coolidge Dining Room. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: 656-9511, <mailto:mromary@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/~pcore>,

THURSDAY:

noon to 1:30 pm — VIDEO: "Down and Out in America." This film takes a hard look at farmers who can't hold on to their land, the homeless, and the 20 million Americans who still don't have enough to eat. Part of Building Our Community Learning Day. Brown bag lunch. Room 104 Allen House, 461 Main St. Information: 656-3819, <mailto:mromary@zoo.uvm.edu>.

7:30 pm to 9 pm — PERFORMANCE: "The Tempest," by the magial touring theatre company, Shenandoah Shakespeare Express. Recital Hall on Redstone Campus. Free tickets available from English Department two weeks prior to the performance. Information: <mailto:hscott@zoo.uvm.edu> or 656-4172.

8 pm to 10 pm — COFFEEHOUSE: Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, L/L Stage Company, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building. Information: 656-4200, <mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/~llcenter>.

FRIDAY:

7 pm to 9 pm — WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Harvard. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7 pm to 9 pm — MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Brown. Providence, RI. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7:30 pm to 10 pm — CONCERT: "Stanislav loudenitch, piano." Van Cliburn Gold Medalist, 2001. Tickets: \$25/\$5 students with ID at door. UVM Recital Hall, Music Buidling, Redstone Campus. Information: Lane Series, 656-4455, <mailto:nneuert@zoo.uvm.edu>, <http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries>

SATURDAY:

noon to 2 pm — SWIMMING: Vs. Rhode Island. Forbush Natatorim, Patrick Gym, Burlington, VT.

Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

1 pm to 3 pm — WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Vs. Dalhousie (exh). Patrick Gym. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

4 pm to 6 pm — WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Brown. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7 pm to 9 pm — MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Harvard. Boston, MA. Inform <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

SUNDAY:

11 am to 1 pm — SWIMMING: Vs. Sacred Heart. Fairfield, CT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

6:30 pm to 8 pm — EMPTY BOWLS: Bread and soup served in a handmade bowl from UVM's pottery co-op that you keep. Benefit for agencies working to alleviate hunger in the Burlington area. Live music, Dave Kleh. \$7 and one non perishable food item. Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building. Information: 656-4200, <mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu>.

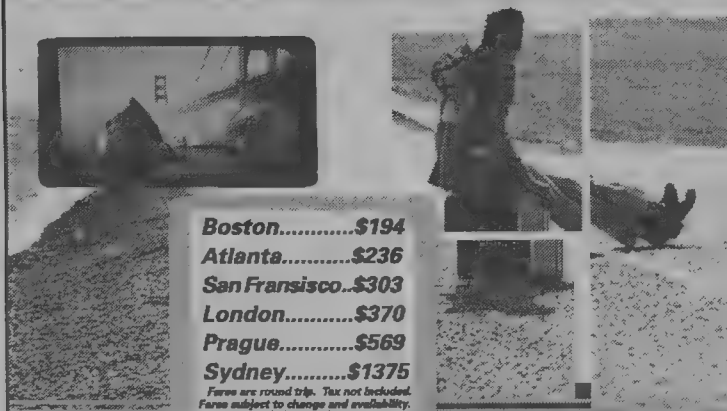
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Black Bears Out-Swim Cats

Freshman Kristen Elsmore won both the one- and three-meter diving competitions and junior Greg Baxter won the 200 breaststroke and 200 IM as the Catamounts competed at the University of Maine Saturday.

The Maine men defeated Vermont, 147-85, while the Black Bear women won, 176-124.

Elsmore, who qualified for the ECAC Championships in both diving events last weekend, won the one-meter diving with 210.08 points and the three-meter diving with 207.00 points. Baxter touched first in the 200 breaststroke (2:29.44) and the 200 IM (2:15.68).

Other winners for Vermont included: freshman Monica Jaferian in the 100 backstroke (1:04.76); Erin Burke in the 50 free (26.32); Ivan Kolleeny in the 100 free (54.19); Stephen Fennessy in the 200 backstroke (2:08.14); and Matt Egbers in the three-meter diving (193.13 points).

Women Set Pace for Season with Win Over St. Mike's



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff

The Women's Basketball team took on Saint Michael's College in a pre-season exhibition game at Patrick Gym on Saturday. The Lady Cats won by a score of 98-71. UVM has received national attention after a very successful season last year and has been ranked 60th by Basketball News and 48th by WOMENSCOLLEGEHOOPS.COM. Chrissy Battram (left) moves the ball down the court and Lani Boardman (right) attempts a 3-pointer in the game.

Cat Athletes Snag Honors

Women's Soccer- The University of Vermont's Melissa Witkiewicz was named America East Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week for the week ending October 27. She is the second Catamount to earn a conference honor this season.

Witkiewicz, a freshman midfielder for the Catamounts, netted her first-career goal and assisted on another in Vermont's stunning 3-0 victory over first-place New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

Witkiewicz has helped solidify the Vermont midfield since being inserted into the starting lineup mid-way through the season.

Men's Hockey- Freshman forward Joey Gasparini was named ECAC Rookie of the Week today after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Catamounts to a 3-2 win over Fairfield on Saturday, Oct. 26th.

The goal was Gasparini's second in as many games. He scored his first collegiate goal at Boston College on Oct. 20th in an 8-6 BC win.

Men's Soccer- Adam Wallace was named America East Men's Soccer Player of the Week and was selected to the National Team of the Week by CollegeSoccerNews.com, a national college soccer website.

Wallace scored all four UVM goals in their 4-2 win over Hartford on Saturday to become the first Catamount since 1976 to score four times in one game. One shy of the school-record, his four-goal game ties him with five others for the most in NCAA Division I this season. He also has tallied six goals in the last three games after scoring only four over the first 55 games of his career.

-Sports Info.

Men' Soccer and Field Hockey Playoff Bound

The University of Vermont field hockey team has qualified for the America East playoffs for the first time since 1991, and will play top-seeded and nationally ranked Northeastern Friday at 1 p.m. at Sweeney Field at Wentworth Institute in Boston.

The Catamounts, who finished their America East season with a 2-3 record, qualified for the tournament thanks to a huge win over Boston University last week, a 2-1 Northeastern win over the Terriers Saturday.

The Catamounts, 6-12 overall, are the fourth seed in the tournament. Second-seed New Hampshire will play third seed Maine in the other America East semifinal, set for 3:30pm Friday. The championship game will be played Sunday at 2pm. The Catamounts finish up the regular season with a game against Rhode Island at Boston College on Monday at 2pm.

Picked to finish seventh by the league's coaches in the preseason poll, the University of Vermont (10-5-1; 5-1-1, 16 points) leads the America East standings with one game to play. The Catamounts, already with a playoff berth in their pockets, can clinch their first regular season title since 1989 with a win at Boston University on Sunday (3 p.m.).

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Pats or Bills?

A Debate

By CASEY WELCH

Here's my problem: I was never supposed to write this article. The article that I was supposed to write would have lambasted Bill Belichick and the Patriots for dealing away Drew Bledsoe within their own division. Unfortunately, my column went to heck at about 3:00p.m. Sunday afternoon, just about the time that Smith slammed the ball into the endzone for the second time, giving the Pats an insurmountable 24 point lead over the Buffalo Bills.

Now here's my other problem: I'm a Buffalo fan. In fact, that doesn't quite adequately explain the situation. I'm a Bills fan, but, since I have lived in the New England area for nearly eight years now, I also have a place in my heart for the Patriots. I'm proud to say that last year, while my Bills were mired in the hell that is Rob Johnson, I jumped on the New England bandwagon, along with many others in the UVM community, and rode it all the way to the Super Bowl. However, all along the bumpy ride, I always maintained that the Pats would be better with Drew Bledsoe as their quarterback.

I found that most of my friends here in Burlington disagreed. They jumped on the Brady bus, laughing all the way. Despite my allocations that Bledsoe's arm strength far outweighed Tom Brady's superior mobility, Bill Belichick, New England, and my Patriot loving friends here at UVM all sided with Brady. Apparently, Belichick's decision apparently worked out... in a world championship. Good for them. Dubbed a "genius" by the press, Belichick went on to trade Drew within the division.

However, that decision appeared to be a poor one going in to Sunday's heralded AFC East match-up. While the Patriots have struggled under Brady, the Bills have soared under Bledsoe. Before this week's marquis game, many a Pats fan here at UVM could be heard grumbling about how New England "never should have traded Drew."

My, how a 24 point win will clear things up. For those of you here in Burlington losing sleep over your slumping Patriots, relax. Sunday's game demonstrated that Tom Brady is the right man for New England. Besides getting Tara Reid, he managed to record a 158 quarterback rating on Sunday, the highest ever by a Patriots quarterback. Your team is back on track. With Miami floundering, the road back to the Super Bowl is wide open.

What does this mean for me? One more missed opportunity. While it doesn't sting quite as badly as the cancellation of Vermont's hockey season back in my freshman year, or as much as the music city miracle, watching all the Patriot fans celebrating in Ake's Place, Ri-Ra's, and R.J.'s hurt. But I'll be okay. I'm sticking with my man Drew, as well as my team: the insufferable Buffalo Bills.

Cats Win Again!

Men Already One Win Away from Last Year's Season Total

Vermont's Jeff Miles scored a hat trick and Ryan Miller added two goals and two assists as the Catamounts won their second straight game, 8-3, over Wayne State in a non-league Division I men's hockey game Friday.

The Warriors, 2-1-0, had a 14-game unbeaten streak, the longest in the nation, before the loss to UVM.

"That was as good a 20 minutes of hockey that we have played in years," Gilligan said, referring to the second period. "We played smart and we moved the puck well."

Vermont, 2-2-2, opened the scoring in a wild, five-goal first period at 8:45 on Brady Leisenring's rebound goal, with assists going to sophomore defenseman Gerard Miller and

freshman Baron Becker. Wayne State responded with a goal of their own less than two minutes later off the stick of Chris Vail, who banged a rebound past Vermont's Shawn Conschafter after Maxim Starchenko had stolen it on the left boards.

The Warriors, 2-0-0, took a 2-1 lead with a power-play goal by captain Keith Stanich from the high slot.

But Vermont kept at it and senior Ryan Miller scored his first of two straight goals at 16:36 on the power play, holding the puck as he skated through the slot before beating David Guerrero with a low shot. Bryson Busniuk and Conschafter recorded the assists on the play, which started



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff

Junior Jeff Miles takes a shot from the slot. He scored on this play and added two more for the night.



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff

Goaltender Shawn Conschafter makes a save off his left shoulder on Saturday.

with the Vermont goalie kicking out a shot to the blue line, where Busniuk took it from there to the slot. Miller then scored again at 18:51, pumping in a rebound off a Thomas Hajek shot. Junior Jeff Miles also assisted on the goal, and Vermont had a 3-2 lead after one period.

The Catamounts took a two-goal lead at 6:50 of the second period on Miles' fifth goal of the year from the doorstep. Thomas Hajek and Miller assisted on the goal, with Hajek carrying the puck in from the blue line before feeding Miles for the easy one-timer.

"Once we got two goals up, our attitude was very solid on the bench and in the locker room. It

was good to see us score goals against a quality defense and a solid goaltender.

"We were on our game tonight," Gilligan continued. "This was a lot of fun tonight."

Senior Bryson Busniuk scored his first goal of the season midway through the third period, with Leisenring picking up the assist, before Miles scored twice in 75 seconds and then freshman Jeff Corey tallied moments later to give Vermont an 8-2 lead. Wayne State's Maxim Starchenko scored in the final moments to make for the final margin. Conschafter had 27 saves for Vermont, while Guerrero had 23 for Wayne State.

-Sports Info.

Women End on Sour Note

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Northeastern Huskies scored twice in the first half and held on for a 2-1 victory over Vermont in an America East women's soccer match.

UVM closes out the 2002 season with a record of 4-15-0 overall and 2-6-0 mark in America East. Sophomore Jen North converted assists from Liz Dyjak and Jess Pfeifer on one of Northeastern's seven corner kicks at 2:28 of the first half. Dyjak scored her own goal at 15:33 off a rebound of her own shot. Northeastern (8-7-4, 4-2-2) would take the 2-0 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, sophomore Nikkie Hessney gave Vermont some momentum and ruined NU's shutout bid with her fourth goal of the season at 52:38. However, the Catamounts couldn't complete the comeback bid.

Cynthia Slowick made six saves in the Northeastern net, while Brooke Fairbanks and Katie Duffy split time in the Vermont net. Fairbanks played just 14 minutes and did not make a save. Duffy finished out the game (76 minutes) and made five saves in the contest.

In the Cats' second of three

games last week, freshman Danielle Lewis put back a rebound of her own shot at 21:32 of the first half to lead Stony Brook (6-9-3, 4-1-2) past Vermont, 1-0, in an America East women's soccer match on Friday. It was the final home game for six Vermont seniors.

The Seawolves out shot Vermont 7-4 in the first half, but the Catamounts held a 10-6 advantage in the second half, but could not find the finishing touch.

Fairbanks made five saves in the Vermont net while Cindy Bennett recorded eight stops for Stony Brook.

On Tuesday afternoon, senior Mary McVeigh scored twice in the first half to lead #22-ranked Dartmouth past Vermont, 2-0, in non-conference women's soccer action this afternoon. The Big Green also runs its win streak to ten games.

McVeigh headed in a cross from teammate Lea Kiefer on the back post to give the Big Green a 1-0 lead at 16:22 of the first half. McVeigh found the back of the net again, ten minutes later, beating UVM goalkeeper Katie Duffy on a break away.

-Sports Info.

Men Downed by BU

MEN'S SOCCER

Longtime nemesis Boston University scored four early goals en route to a 5-2 win over Vermont in America East men's soccer at Nickerson Field on Sunday afternoon.

"We never had our legs right from the start today," commented Vermont coach Roy Patton. "They are a talented team and they took advantage of that. We played harder in the second half and we look forward to getting a fresh start in the playoffs, especially at home."

The Terriers used goals by David Fahey, Federico Bianchi, Anthony D'Angelo and Andrew Dorman to race out to a 4-0 lead at the break. Vermont bounced back with goals by Keli Helgason (56th minute) and Ronan Keegan (69th minute) to cut the margin in half. But one minute after Keegan tallied his first career goal, Dorman, who also had two assists, put the game out of reach with his second goal.

Ryan Corry made two saves in the first half for Vermont before David Sullivan came on in the second to also make two stops. Matt Smith finished with four saves for B.U.

The win extended Boston U.'s

mastery over the Catamounts to 13-0-3 in the last sixteen meetings. It also snapped a 0-3-2 stretch this season for the Terriers (8-6-2, 3-3-1), who earlier in October were ranked as high as ninth in the nation.

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Evamarie Perron/VC Editor David Said held the backfield this season and helped the Cats move into the playoffs.

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Student Robbed in Tupper Hall; Mis-Identified Student Detained

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

Last Wednesday at approximately 3:00pm, a resident of Tupper Hall was robbed and held at knifepoint.

The assailant is described as a dark-skinned, moderate to dark toned, 6 feet-6'2", slender to average build, age 18-22. He was described as wearing a puffy black horizontal-stitched parka, blue jeans and boots, according to UVM Police Detective Tim Bilodeau.

"We have a bunch of leads," said Bilodeau. "We're trying to get everything sorted out right now."

The investigation doesn't end there. Later that same afternoon, the police mis-identified a female student as the suspect, after handcuffing her and detain-

'They approached the person, drew their weapons, handcuffed the person, and after realizing it was the wrong person, immediately released them.'

-Enrique Corredera
UVM Spokesman

"After the robbery, the police sent out a bulletin to the campus to be on the lookout for the suspect," said UVM spokesman Enrique Corredera. "Sometime later that afternoon, a UVM police officer spotted someone who fit the description. At that point, they radioed in to

another officer.

"They approached the person, drew their weapons, handcuffed the person, and after realizing it was the wrong person, immediately released them."

The mis-identified suspect was actually a female, and according to those who know the woman, is far shorter than the assailant is described.

Concern has spread throughout the University, especially in the A.L.A.N.A. community. President Fogel attempted to settle

the minds of those concerned last Thursday in an email to the entire UVM community.

"While not prejudging the outcome of the investigation of police conduct, we all understand that the detention of an innocent student raises serious questions about the campus climate for persons of color," said Fogel in the email.

"I want to reaffirm the long-standing commitment

See President Fogel, Page 5

Powder Preview: Jay Peak Resort

This is the first part of the series on the area's ski resorts.

By ROBERT WALKER
Cynic News Editor

Regardless of how unseasonably warm it may now be, winter has arrived and with it the advent of a new ski season.

For those who have been waiting for this since the snow melted off their favorite mountain April last, this is Gabriel blowing his horn.

Skiing represents an escape as much as it does a pleasurable pastime, and in this endless pursuit of escape by means of a mixture of floating falling and flying, the question of where is a pertinent question.

Finding a local mountain where escape is most possible lends itself to

the eternal UVMer question, "Where are you skiing this winter?"

For those who have poorly budgeted your time

and delayed the answering of this question until now, the Vermont Cynic will present you with a preview of several of the more popular resorts in the area, starting this week with Jay Peak resort, and to be followed in the coming weeks with exciting briefs on several resorts including, Stowe, Smuggler's Notch, and Tignes.

Jay Peak opened this season this past weekend with four trails and nearly two feet of snow on the ground.



Henry Georgi/Courtesy of Jay Peak Resorts

A panoramic view of Jay Mountain from the sky shows off the mountains beautiful terrain.

A local skier commented, "This is probably some sort of record; normally they don't open till the weekend before thanksgiving and there is never more than one trail open."

This is an even more outstanding statement when considering the past two years for Jay which were both record-breaking years.

Apparently, skiers among us must have prayed hard in the off-season for a bounteous year. Jay Peak is located in a unique area of Vermont near the Canadian border, about an hour and a half from campus.

This location, at the tip of the Green Mountain range, allows for the meteorological condition "orographic lift" to force air masses up and condense resulting in a local phenomenon known as the "Jay Cloud" to bring the most snow of any eastern resort to its

varied and steep terrain.

Jay Peak receives annually an average of 351 inches of fresh, nearly getting as much powder as its Rockie Mountain counterparts. The snow is but half the story as the terrain offered at Jay is both varied and beautiful.

Jay peak has worked hard in the off season to better itself having added 2 new lifts, new, better rental equipment, and more snowmaking capabilities.

Speaking of the new improvements, Bill Stenger, president of Jay Peak resort, says, "Our mountain has long been known for snow and glades and remarkable terrain but with these new lifts our gentle lower mountain terrain will provide exceptional entry-level skiing and riding."

Luckily for the glade skier, the people at Jay offer a "ski anywhere inbound" policy.

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UVM Continues To Diversify Student Body with Partnership Programs

By MEREDITH SUNEWICK
Cynic Staff Writer

Three years ago, UVM began a partnership with Christopher Columbus high school in the Bronx.

The aim of this program was to build diversity on UVM's mostly white campus and to encourage Columbus seniors to consider colleges outside the New York City metropolitan area.

The partnership has been very successful, and today 35 graduates of Columbus high school attend UVM, making it the biggest feeder school outside of Vermont.

This unique approach to diversifying UVM has gained national attention because of the process by which students are recruited.

UVM sends faculty members to Columbus to work with the stu-

dents on developing their applications.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the partnership is that UVM works with all the students, not just the seniors.

They work with the freshmen in order to give advice and guidance on necessary and important courses and how to attain financial aid, so that when they apply, they will be able to compete with other applicants from more affluent areas and high schools.

"In their freshman year, what we do is focus on what these kids ought to be doing in high school - what kinds of courses they should be taking, especially encouraging them to take AP courses," says Don Honeman, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid.

This long-term guidance has been integral to the program

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Live Music is a Constant and Welcome Presence in Burlington



Andrew Schmidt/VC Staff

Addison Groove Project member Brendan McGinn performs for UVM students at Higher Grund Friday.

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One Life to Live-Soap Operatic Reality

This past week, the University experienced a horrifying incident on campus.

Unfortunately, UVM dealt with it poorly on all sides.

Immediately after a white student was held at knifepoint by a black male, the police were put on high alert.

Soon, the police, well informed as to the description of the offender, found who they thought was the assailant.

They then held the student up with their weapons and handcuffed **her**.

They were looking for a **him**.

Were these police just following protocol?

Maybe.

But strict adherence to policy does not seem to be the case, as one of the officers in question supposedly has been sent to desk duty.

Soon after the incident began to spread worry and concern throughout the campus, President Fogel sent out a letter to all students, explaining the situation and apologizing to the entire community.

He then went on to explain the ideas of proposing new security procedures and examining police procedures.

Fogel also apologized to the ALANA community.

That, unfortunately, is where he went wrong.

He should have been apologizing to the entire student community-he should have been worrying about all students-not just members of the ALANA community.

This matter does not concern merely some, nor just a few, nor solely a percentage of, nor even most of the total student body-it affects everyone.

Shock and worry about the girl who was detained as well as fear and trepidation for UVM's mass are widespread-not marginalized.

This is not a time for separatism. This is no call to arms for a narrow group. Any kind of assault and subsequent false, brutal accusation are alarms to each and every person who ever encounters such disgusting aspects of "humanity."

Presumably, at least several people are hanging their heads in shame right now, receiving many appalled looks and piercing glares from the totality of individuals nauseated by all the aforementioned, repulsive details of crime and punishment.

And to be sure, not all of these people meant to step on any toes-but the fact of the matter is that they did. Truth be told, even the "lesser" offenses in this dire ordeal speak loudly, at least of a lack of understanding and a lack of proper insight into, frankly, human emotion.

That is actually frightening.

To think people would act upon their extreme ideals of either political incorrectness or correctness before checking in with their attachment to and connection with fellow humans is completely absurd.

Heart and soul before preconceived notion. Basic humanitarian aid takes absolute precedence over artificial roles of power.

How can you care about coming out looking great when, at bare minimum, a handful of people under you, appearances aside, can be so bad? Deservedly, in no time at all, within your attempt to paint the picture a rosy red, you have revealed yourselves to us, and the revelation is terrifying.

A's & F's

A's

-To Geoff MacDonald for producing, editing, filming, performing in and directing "A Natural Force," a damn quality skiing, snowboarding and skateboarding film.

-To the UVM Men's Soccer Team for playing exquisitely, making it to the America East Championships in Boston where they will continue to make us proud.

F's

-To the people completely devoid of morals who act out of their hateful nature and violate innocent individuals, robbing them of both their money and dignity.

-To the need for drinking coffee in a last-ditch attempt to stay awake through the final weeks of the very tiring semester (has anyone noticed how much this baby is dragging?).

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Intolerance Puts Pastner Out to Pasture

To the Editor:

I would simply like to express my support for Professor Stephen Pastner.

As a freshman three years ago, I enrolled in what sounded like an interesting class-"Crisis Cults and Revitalizations Movements."

Although I am not an Anthropology major, Professor Pastner made the entire anthropology course engaging for me, and I feel that he included all relevant ethnic, national and race groups in his class.

I find it appalling that Professor

Pastner, who graciously divides his time between UVM and Michigan, was forced to resign from his teaching post.

His class was challenging, informative and engrossing.

It is not his responsibility to cater to the highly sensitive political ideologies of students who are far too easily offended.

The University should apologize to Professor Pastner and hope that he is forgiving enough to come back to UVM and continue his fine teaching record.

Sam Baker
Class of 2004

Your opinions. Mmm. Mmm.

To the Editor:

This letter [originally an e-mail] is directed to the editor and author of a recent article that was published in the opinion section of the Cynic, an article entitled "Professor Unfairly Forced to Resign."

First I would like to state how disappointed I am that the Cynic would print such an article in the first place.

This article is journalism at its worst.

Despite the fact that this article was printed in the opinion section, it is still presented as fact.

As such, it should include information regarding both parties involved. If this information is unavailable, then those involved should choose not to print something so biased.

I have enjoyed articles in the Cynic for four years now, and find this article to be both offensive and inferior to the work that is normally produced.

This is a student newspaper and as such should be a forum for intelligent and responsible discussion.

The article in dispute is anything but

that.

Just because the author has some incredible chip on his shoulder, it does not give him the right to present misinformation in order to achieve his goals. This is what is called "yellow journalism," and is in complete violation of every ethical standard set down by modern media journalism.

The editor of this article should have undertaken the responsibility of demanding more from Nicholas Bewley.

The article is highly uninformed and seems to have been fed directly from Stephen Pastner himself.

I am requesting that the Vermont Cynic retract that article and print an apology to all the parties involved. Failing to do so would be a discredit to the Cynic and the quality that its staff normally produces.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Devin Morrill
Class of 2003

Taking One for the Team

To the Editor:

Call me oversensitive, but I'll take the bait.

Thank you for the explanation about what constitutes news and what constitutes opinion, and how your news section attempts to be as objective as possible.

That would seem to be the mark of a well-edited paper, whether professional or not.

However, I'm not sure Andrew Woods' article ("Course Registration for Geniuses") constitutes news, and while I don't challenge his or the Cynic's right to publish it, I question whether the front page (traditionally the news section) is the appropriate place.

For the most part, it was a humorous piece of writing, but I take issue with

characterizing all student athletes at the University of Vermont as "morons."

UVM student athletes actually have a higher grade point average than non-athletes at UVM.

Personally, I work with UVM athletes daily who juggle a full schedule of challenging courses, demanding practices, participation in volunteer services and management of general life as UVM students, so it's disappointing to see student athletes labeled negatively.

And in the end, I don't think anyone would call this essay "news."

I look forward to the continued improvement of the Cynic.

Andrew Feldman
Department of Student Life

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Will the Real Socialism and Capitalism Please Stand Up?

And now for an explanation of capitalism, socialism and the latter's mutations:

Capitalism: A system of exploitation in which a minority of people own the means of production and use private ownership in order to marshal labor from the remaining working class majority, thereby, accumulating profit and capital.

Socialism: A system wherein the working class owns the means of production, eliminating minority rule, and democratically plans a rational and fair economic distribution of the world's wealth, labor and resources.

Capitalism furthers a course that impoverishes the working class so that wages may be kept adequately low, thereby keeping profits adequately high. To wit: The Nov. 4 edition of

Business Week editorializes: "...over the next year, companies in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index may have to cut as many as 900,000 jobs, or 4% of the labor force, to boost profits by 12%."

Socialism furthers a course that empowers the most number of people and further hampers the ability of a minority to benefit at the majority's expense.

To wit: the weekend, unions, the eight-hour day, the minimum wage, child labor laws, civil rights, universal suffrage—all socialist victories.

But what about the atrocities carried out by 'Communist' countries?

What do all of these countries have in common?

None of these countries represented real workers' power or socialism. In fact, the revolutions

Socialism requires the equal distribution of abundance, not poverty, lest its opposite [capitalism] be produced.

in China, Cuba and Vietnam wholly lacked working class involvement!

The Russian revolutionaries, stemming from a feudalist country

plagued by famine, with an extremely poor economy, stated from the outset, "we may have a workers' revolution, but left isolated in the world market (without socialist revolutions occurring in advanced capitalist countries that can provide us aid), our country will not be self-sustainable, and capitalist exploitation

will rear its head within our economy, born of the compulsion of international competition for capital accumulation."

Socialism requires the equal distribution of abundance, not poverty, lest its opposite be produced.

The Russian revolution degenerated into capitalism, but a strong state remained to be used by capitalists to centralize their exploitation of the workers, and the label 'socialism' outlived its actual existence.

Roughly the same occurred in Vietnam, et. al., except these revolutions explicitly desired a strong national capitalism. It was only after the West rebuffed these countries that they adopted the misnomer of socialism.

And in the former Eastern Bloc: socialism can never come under the wheels of tanks, much less those of a capitalist country!

World capitalist competition forced these countries to 'catch

up' with countries such as the U.S., already tremendously wealthy through the genocide of 12 million Native Americans, the slaughter of 10 million Africans, the massacre of one million Filipinos.

But why did those countries call themselves socialist if they were capitalist?

Well, why did America label herself a democracy whilst she had slavery?

Capitalists everywhere have ruled through deceit, hypocrisy and massacre.

Socialists everywhere have fought to expose all of the foregoing and to liberate humanity.

Thus, Marxism lives as long as the spirit of human resistance lives.

And I dare say that we still have the fight left in us.

Keith Rosenthal is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

Islamic Terrorism-Fact, Not Fiction

On Sept. 11, grieving Americans were confronted with images of Palestinians and other Arabs celebrating 3,000 American dead.

For a brief moment, anger overcame political correctness in America's newsrooms.

The mistake was soon corrected, and within the week, networks were castigating themselves publicly for daring to paint an unflattering portrait of the Arab 'street.'

While these celebrations certainly do not indicate an

Islamic consensus, Americans need only venture into Tehran on a typical Friday, where thousands chant 'death to America,' to see that these were not isolated incidents. Of course, such images never make it onto our nightly news, where Yassar Arafat is portrayed as an embattled hero rather than a murderer who ordered the executions of two American diplomats and carries the blood of countless Jews on his khafeyi.

The War on Terror is being hamstrung by political correctness.

By refusing to admit that the threat of terrorism we face is almost exclusively Islamic in nature, we inhibit our ability to respond to this peril.

The American media constantly paints Islam in the most positive light possible.

John Walker Lindh and Jose Padilla are identified by their given names rather than their adopted Islamic names.

The Beltway sniper and the July 4 gunman at LAX were both Muslim—yet possible connections to terrorism have been downplayed if not suppressed. Incidents of hate crimes against Muslims have been exceptionally rare in light of the circumstances, a credit to the American virtue of toleration.

Yet mainstream media seems to suggest that such dis-

gusting acts are commonplace.

George Bush, our 'dyslexic cowboy' President, calls Islam a religion of peace. Practitioners of this 'peaceful faith' respond by burning him in effigy and praying for our demise.

Jesus instructs his followers to turn the other cheek. Muhammad, on the other hand, chides the pious to 'Slay the infidels, wherever ye find them.'

When the Koran asserts, 'Believers! Wage war against such of the infidels as are your neighbors,' should it come as any surprise that conflicts between Muslims and their neighbors exist in Russia, China, Israel, America, India, the Philippines and Christian Africa?

While contextual issues are obviously important in the above instances, the role of religion cannot be overstated.

Undoubtedly, most Muslims are peaceful.

Most importantly, the press must stop shielding American eyes from the harsh reality of Islamic sentiment; God forbid the American people might get angry enough to elect leaders willing to confront the problem.

Russel Henderson is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

That said, the enemies of peace on Earth are overwhelmingly Muslim; we cannot continue to ignore the correlation between Islam and terrorism.

The rise of radical Islam has resulted from the failure of the Muslim world to modernize.

Rather than turning the Middle East into a parking lot, as one angry firebrand suggested, we need to aid in the creation of stable liberal democracies capable of solving the problems of poverty and radicalism so prevalent in the Arab world today.

But if we are to accomplish this, we must end our support for the authoritarian regimes of the region that facilitate radical Islam and, in many cases, fund terrorism.

Most importantly, the press must stop shielding American eyes from the harsh reality of Islamic sentiment; God forbid the American people might get angry enough to elect leaders willing to confront the problem.

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Don't Tell Me Lies, Don't Tell Me Sweet Little Lies

Welcome to the wonderful world of FaRied Ibrahim, where logic and ethics don't get in the way of argument and polemics. He wrote a fantasy article a few weeks ago, which I disparaged (quite effectively, I think). Now, he returns to the pages of the Cynic, with more slander and half-truths about Israel. Let us examine Mr. Ibrahim's "points," and see if their blatant falsehoods can point us in the direction of the truth.

It appears that Mr. Ibrahim believes that the following statements are true:

1. The Israelis should let Palestinians vote and become citizens of Israel.
2. Israelis are colonialists. (He's obsessed with this one. It makes

me think he's a reader of the Socialist Worker.)

3. The Israeli offer at Camp David was not a reasonable deal for the Palestinians.

He also says some other wacky stuff, but these three arguments are the most egregious. Mr. Ibrahim would like Israel to allow the Palestinians full rights as Israeli citizens. That is a simply delightful idea except for one key fact: Palestinians don't want to be citizens of Israel. They have attempted to destroy Israel since 1948 (the first war the Arabs started with Israel). The PLO, whose charter included the stated goal of the elimination of Israel, was created in 1964. That is three years before Israel won the West Bank

and Gaza, and took control over those lands. It is quite clear that the Palestinians have a historical and present desire to murder Israelis. They do it weekly.

Therefore, I think even Mr. Ibrahim could understand why Israel might be a wee bit reticent in allowing Palestinians full rights. You don't have to believe me. Just read the words of that peace-loving, "elected leader" of the Palestinians, Yassar Arafat: "We know only one word: jihad, jihad, jihad. When we stopped the intifada, we did not stop the jihad for the establishment of a Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem. And now we are entering the phase of the great jihad prior to the establishment of an

independent Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem...We are in a conflict with the Zionist movement and the Balfour Declaration and all imperialist activities" (Dehaishe refugee camp, 1996). Wow. Sign that guy up for a voter registration card.

Mr. Ibrahim just loves the neo-communist lingo about Israel. He drops phrases like "imperialistic greed" and "expansionist-militaristic" like they actually mean something. Here's the problem: it shows an absolutely atrocious knowledge of history. After the Israelis conquered the Sinai Peninsula in the 1967 war (another war initiated by Arabs), they had a choice. Israel could have annexed a large, useful piece of land and used it to increase military and economic strength. Conversely, Israel could have given the land back to Egypt in an attempt to foster peace. What did Israel, this "imperialistic" monster, this "expansionist-militaristic" demon, do? It gave back the Sinai. That's funny behavior for a country that wants to control the whole Middle East.

Of course, there are other examples of Israel's willingness to give back land for peace... like the 2000 Camp David accords.

According to Mr. Ibrahim, Israel's offer of 96% of the West Bank, Gaza and capital rights in Jerusalem to the Palestinians was horrible. The 96% sounds pretty good to me, considering Israel would relinquish a defensive buffer zone that is essential to Israel's survival. When the Camp David talks failed, the U.S. government praised the Israelis for their bravery for their generous offer to the Palestinians, and castigated the Palestinians for their intransigence. The Palestinians could have had their own state, a viable state, but they said, "No gracias." Yassar Arafat didn't want the deal because he gets much more mileage out of jihad and Palestinian suffering.

If the Palestinian Authority cared at all for its constituents, it would end the murder of Israelis, and get to work on feeding and housing the Palestinians. Yet, the PA spends its money on arms and propaganda against Israel. The suffering of Palestinian people is sad and horrible... and it's caused by their leaders, not their Jewish neighbors.

Greg Rudolph is a columnist and a member of the UVM Medical School Class of 2005.

Breathe, Breathe in the Air

If you ever try to find me in the morning, you may catch me gawking at "Tom and Jerry" or hustling to the showers.

But really, you'll probably find me tripping out of bed, swearing, not knowing what I'm doing, but somehow inevitably rushing to be somewhere five minutes ago.

Yet I always catch a few cartoons.

Should I be doing something more important than sitting around only to rush at the last minute?

Someday, I won't be so rushed. Someday, I hope to bring some seriousness to the new day's arrival as "grown-ups" do, scanning the newspaper, fumbling numbly through the delivered blasphemy.

But for now, I stare at the tv, eating cereal with my hair pressed up awkwardly to the side.

To tell the truth, cartoons and awkward awakenings are the only two things that go together for me in the morning.

With roommates stumbling around for their early classes, delivery trucks outside constantly backing up (that beeping!) and typical dorm stuff, it's not unusual to be woken up suddenly or rudely in the morning.

Should I feel bad for being lazy, or be glad that I have a simple, stress-free morning? After all, I did when I was younger as I do now, rolling around on the carpet or sitting on the couch, gazing at the tv.

And I haven't made a good point yet, but I don't think that

makes a difference, because tomorrow I'll wake up and I'll be 30 and the next day I'll be 40, but I'm not sure that I'll find anything better than my cartoons and cereal.

I'm at college to get an education, but why struggle through it banging my head against the wall?

Every day, we face impossible classes and schedules. Every day, new problems arise. It is inevitable that these things occur; that is the nature of being at college.

But should we have to suffer? Should we always strain ourselves? I'm not saying that I do or don't get stuff done; rather, I think we have to take time for ourselves every day to chill.

I work hard all afternoon and into the night just so I can wake up in the morning and take that time to relax. Is that wrong? Naaa.

Take classes and challenges seriously because they do mean something in the long run. Keep up with friends and family because those are important connections to have.

But please take some time for yourself to vent or to take a nap, and realize that you are in college and should be having a little fun "just chillin'."

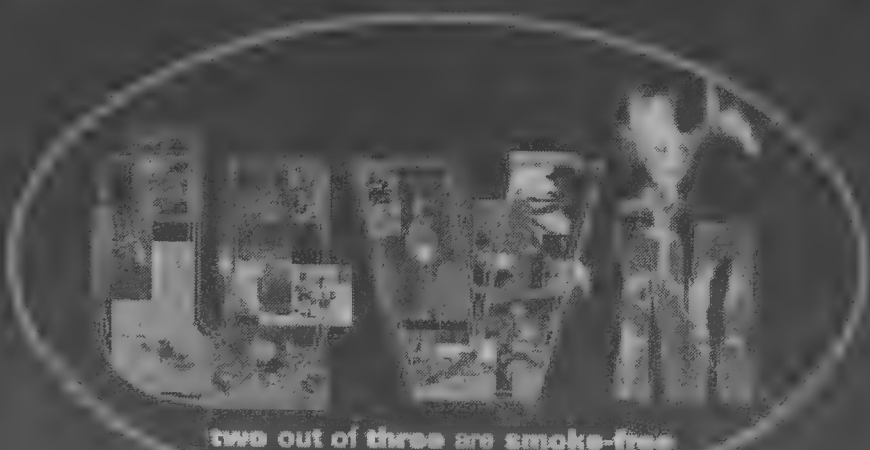
Roll out of bed, check on "Tom and Jerry" and be proud that you know how to let it just flow.

Leave the running around for others.

Peace and one love.

Dom Mattos is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

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Fogel Concerned About Safety for Campus

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of the University of Vermont to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all members of the campus community.

"In addition to reviewing both the detention of the student and the security of the residence halls, we will enlist the help of external experts to review and enhance all relevant police procedures and training programs, particularly focusing on those that address racial and ethnic issues and best practices for law enforcement in an academic community.

"At the same time, I am reaching out to our students, faculty, and staff-and especially to

members of UVM's A.L.A.N.A. community-to promote action-oriented dialogue aimed at the creation of a campus climate supportive of true diversity and of our shared commitment to respect, integrity, innovation,

'We're going to review the situation currently in place, to see if it's adequate and appropriate, and to see if there are steps to improve.'

-Enrique Corredera
UVM Spokesman

the deepest and most sincere regret for the girl."

The President's office has been working on looking at the security procedures along with the procedures of the police.

Along with the email sent out to all students, Fogel has met with

members of the A.L.A.N.A. community last Thursday night to discuss the issue.

"Fogel is looking at security procedures, to increase safety, and is he concerned with the gaps," said Corredera.

"We're going to review the situation currently in place, to see if it's adequate and appropriate, and to see if there are steps to improve.

"Meanwhile, there is an effort to remind students of the role they can play in the effectiveness in security.

"It goes beyond locked doors, it's also student behavior."

On the issue of police services, Corredera said the administration is looking at procedures.

"An external investigation is going on, especially about racial and ethnic issues.

"The best practices are not under way. The appropriate actions will be taken on the outcome of the investigation."

Results from this week's Online Poll:

What do you think of the proposed Honors College?

I think it's a good idea. (27%; 4 votes)

I think it's a bad idea. (47%; 7 votes)

I don't know enough about it. (13%; 2 votes)

I don't care either way. (13%; 2 votes)

Ski Season Preview

Continued from front

Over two-hundred acres of "off-piste" skiing are made available, and much environmentally minded brush clearing is done in the off-season to ensure a powdery bliss whilst gliding through 2,153 feet of tree-laden vertical drop.

Jay Peak has worked hard in the off season to better itself having added 2 new lifts, new, better rental equipment, and more snow-making capabilities.

Speaking of the new improvements, Bill Stenger, president of Jay Peak resort, says, "Our mountain has long been known for snow and glades and remarkable terrain but with these new lifts our gentle lower mountain terrain will provide exceptional entry-level skiing and riding."

A season pass to the resort will set you back 199 dollars, American, and a rather lengthy wait in the customer service line

while they look for your application, which they have somewhere in their hole of an office, but not where it was supposed to be.

Even after they find your application in their decrepit Canadian computers, it will take considerable time for them make your photo id, which will make you look like a generic cheap stalker.

"Our Mountain has long been known for snow and glades and a remarkable terrain"

-Bill Stenger
Jay Peak President

Transportation to mountain is well provided for if it isn't cheap. Buses leave from UVM on Fridays and Saturdays and cost ten dollars per round trip ride.

Jay Peak is a mountain that all skiers should have the privilege to experience at least once, if not many times this season, especially after Christmas when their glade skiing becomes what it is so famous for being: a winter wonderland.

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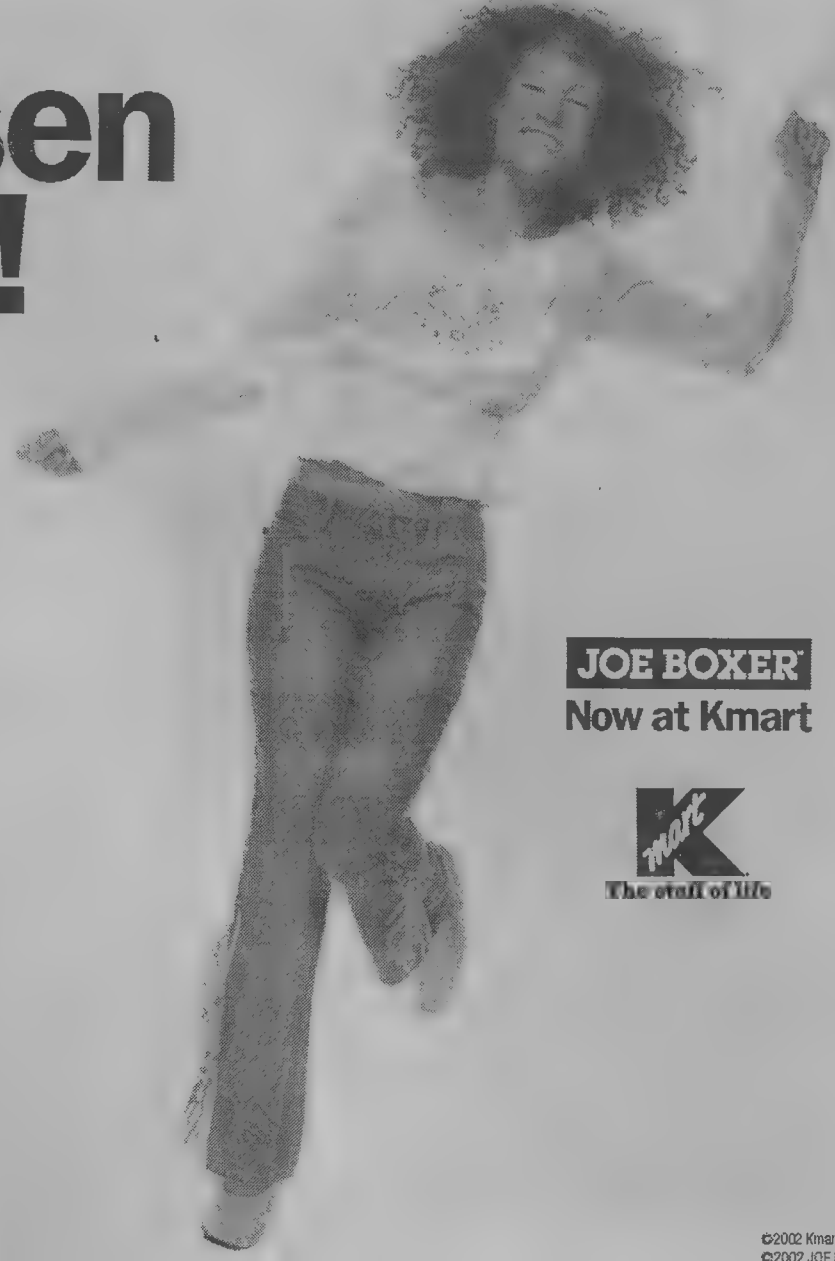
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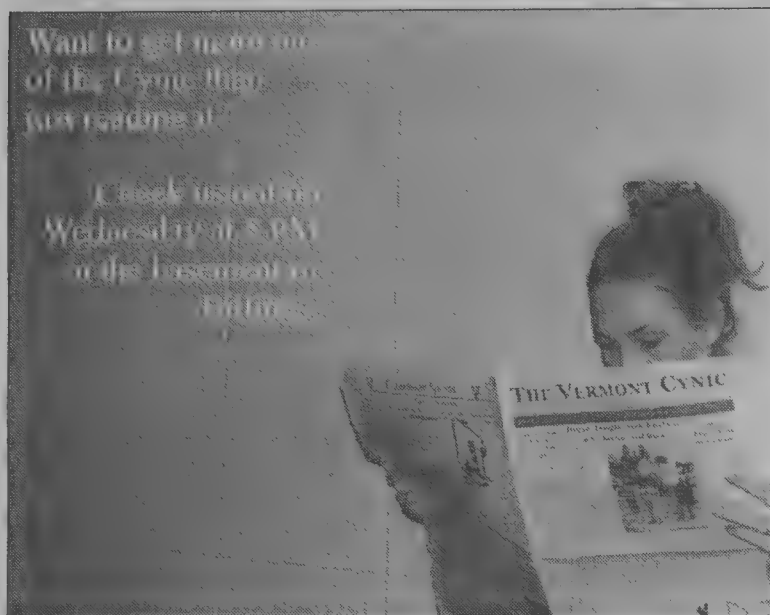
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UVM Credited for a Winooski School's Resurgence

Winooski's John F. Kennedy Elementary school is the kind of place whose charms don't always show up in standardized test reports.

With 16 percent special needs students and 12 percent needing extra help with English, the school receives considerable state and federal aid.

But when the state released scores on Sept. 19, JFK's results were at or above the state average.

Principal Robert Pequignot says that the school's accomplishments "defy most results when it comes to schools with children of high need," and he gives much of the credit to a three-year partnership with UVM's College of Education and Social Services.

"Our literacy faculty worked to develop a systems reform effort in literacy that has been wildly successful with genuine gain in kids' reading and in teachers' confidence and skill in teaching reading," says Jill Tarule, the college's dean.

Both UVM and the school

have collected data and scores to prove the effectiveness of these efforts, and have presented the results in journals and at conferences nationwide.

Pequignot spoke at the National Chief State School Officers convention in Palm Springs, Calif., in June, after JFK was chosen as one of seven schools in the nation to demonstrate significant change in their school through a planned approach to reform.

"I personally have been working with JFK for nine years — they have really decided to make this a safe and engaging school with high expectations," says Mekkelson.

"They've worked really hard. The results are impressive. What they've accomplished at JFK makes it much more difficult for other schools to say they can't do the same thing.

"JFK is a diverse, high-needs school with few resources. And these kids are performing."

-Staff Report

Health Center Bettered by New Technology

The University of Vermont College of Medicine and Fletcher Allen Health Care are testing a technology that may increase the survival rate of critical patients who are transported via ambulance in rural areas.

UVM received a \$250,000 grant to fund the testing and installation of mobile telemedicine technology in an ambulance that services the academic medical center.

According to a 1999 report published by UVM/ Fletcher Allen faculty in the Journal of Trauma, trauma victims in rural areas are nearly twice as likely to die from their injuries as people in more urban areas.

"Thanks to Sen. Leahy's support, we have the privilege of testing this mobile technology in Vermont, where long rides and difficult weather conditions can complicate patient transport," said Michael Ricci, M.D., who serves

as clinical director of telemedicine at Fletcher Allen, Roger H. Albee Professor of Surgery, and vice chair for surgical research at the UVM College of Medicine.

"We have already linked our tertiary care expertise to sixteen rural hospitals throughout Vermont and northern New York. When used, this technology will allow a physician to monitor a patient during 'the last mile' of transport from a community hospital if necessary."

"Using mobile telemedicine in trauma situations, is in fact, the tip of the iceberg," said Ricci. "Imagine that we virtually place a high-risk obstetrician in the back of the ambulance with a difficult birth or a neonatologist in the ambulance with a sick premature infant. Suddenly our ambulance crews will have more support when unexpected and difficult situations arise."

This program links the emergency departments of community hospitals with trauma surgeons at Fletcher Allen and UVM via telemedicine.

It allows a specialist to interact and develop a care plan with a patient and local provider via remote video consultation without requiring the patient to physically move to the medical center.

-Staff Report

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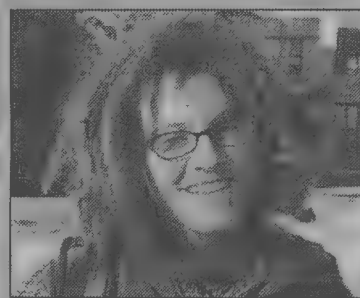
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Chivon Anderson, 2005



"My parents live in NJ and you don't see dread locks there. My mom hates them but she loves to publicly humiliate me about them. She loves to refer to them as lots of knots".

Rachel Katz, 2002



"What day is it? I had them for one year on Thursday, November 7. They are pretty easy to take care of".

Matt Molinari, 2005



"I wasn't allowed to have them in high school so I had three hidden in the back. Now they are much longer than the rest".

Carrie Goodman, Former UVM Student

Partnership Program To Open In Boston

Continued from front

Another aspect of the partnership that has helped is the donation of 180 New York-Burlington plane tickets every year by the new budget airline, Jet Blue. This arrangement was made possible by UVM alum, Alex Wilcox, who is vice president for business development at Jet Blue.

The biggest advocates for partnership are the students who have ended up here at UVM, many of whom have taken an active role in the program. "UVM students who graduated from Columbus are going back to the high school and talking to the students about what their experience has been like here," says Mr. Honeman.

Although almost all of the students who have matriculated at UVM through the partnership are African American or Latino, the program doesn't target minority students and this year, a white student who attended Columbus high enrolled at UVM.

Although the partnership has been very successful, according to some students, it has been somewhat difficult for students from Columbus to adjust to UVM and to Burlington because of the stark differences between the two settings.

UVM has begun a similar relationship with another high school in Boston, City on a Hill, a charter school with a mostly African American student body.

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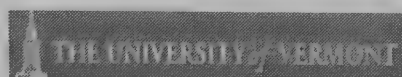


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

UVM's The Flo: Local Favorites Gaining Support

The Flo Shows Musical, Artistic Versatility

By Nick Rahaim
Cynic Staff Writer

Where do college bands start out? In dark grungy basements where the crowd could be careless about who's playing as long as there is a steady beer supply.

There will always be a few UVM students who will love a band solely because they are playing live music - regardless of their talent. A band shows undeniable talent when they are able to engage a crowd of people unfamiliar with them and their music.

This was the case on Saturday night where, at a nameless location, The Flo rocked the party. By the end of the show they had the crowd completely focused on them and when the set ended everyone went crazy.

The Flo is a band consisting of five UVM sophomores: Adam Morrison on bass from the greater Philly area, David Chez on guitar from Chicago, Logan Sena on guitar from western Massachusetts, Zack Burwick on drums/percus-

sion from Shrewsbury, Mass. and Alan Bullock on drums/percussion from Chicago. They formed last year, and have played many times this year at places like: Slade Hall, Marsh-Austin-Tupper, Wing-Davis-Wilks, and he fraternity, AEP.

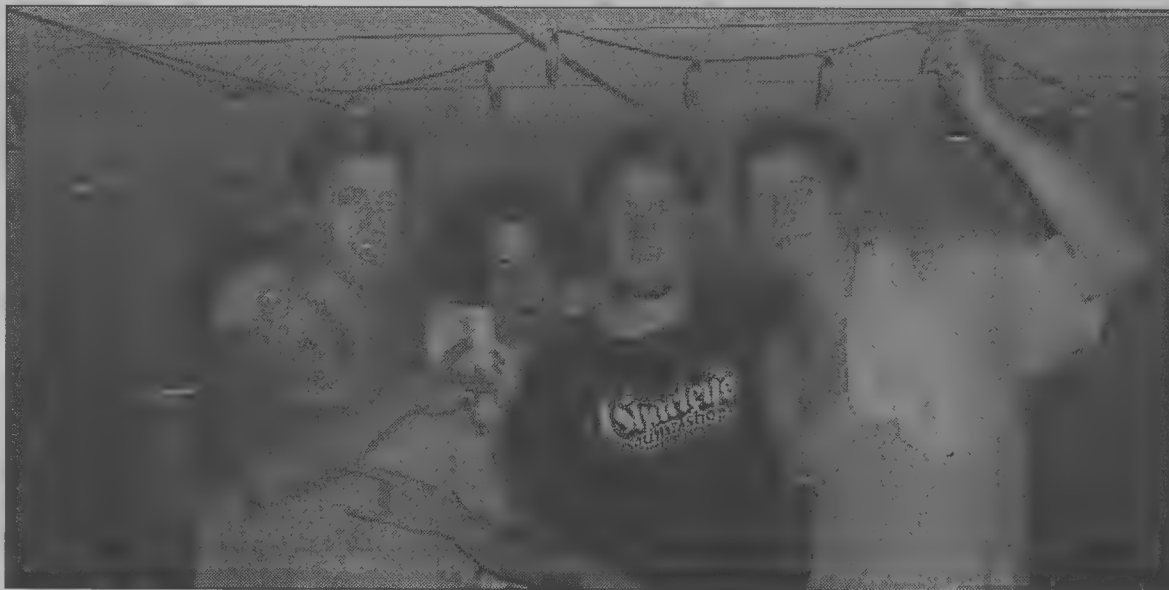
When Morrison was asked to describe The Flo's music he simply said "Rock".

Their musical influences include Phish, Pink Floyd, Primus, and especially each other.

The sound they are trying to create is uniquely theirs. They like to jam but they don't feel they fit the label of a "jam band". They mix it up, using different sounds in different songs.

Saturday night they opened up with a song that had break beat drums underlying funky bass and guitar grooves, and was aptly named "Funky Peppers".

The Flo has around 15 original songs to date and play a variety of covers as well. David and



Nick Rahaim/VC Staff

Members of The Flo enjoy hanging out when they are not playing gigs in and around the Burlington area.

Logan have written most of the band's songs with a few being collaborative efforts. On Saturday night they covered Pink Floyd's "Time" which was a crowd favorite.

"Covers are a lot of fun, it's another way for us to mix it up and give the crowd something unexpected; our favorite cover is 'Don't Let Me Down' by the Beatles," said Morrison.

At this point the members of The Flo are not looking for fame or fortune they are simply doing what they love.

"Our motivation for the music is the same. We all love the music, its more than playing for people we just love playing music," said Morrison of The Flo's motivations.

Their goal for the immediate future is to become tighter as a band with a more cohesive sound

utilizing two drummers, Alan and Zack, who alternate between percussion and drums.

They also wish to get gigs at bars and clubs downtown but have enjoyed playing on campus and at parties. They have no dates yet for future gigs, but keep an eye out for

fliers on campus and he next time you start bobbing yur head to a great live sound, it might be The Flo.

Nicholas Rahaim is a Cynic Staff Writer and a member of the class of 2005.

Ranting and Raving

It has recently come to my attention that "Ranting and Raving" does not receive the popularity and stardom that I envisioned when I first created it.

Perhaps it was the overwhelming student apathy here at UVM that led to the column's decline and lack of submitted rants. Perhaps my own responses to at least two rants deterred those students interested in such

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an outlet. Perhaps "Ranting and Raving" was an idea destined to fail. Either way it has become painfully obvious that the column is by no means well received by the student body here at UVM, and will therefore, be run in Arts and Entertainment one more time.

It will effectively be put out to pasture, after next week's column, with all the other columns that may or may not have been ahead of their time. Although I understand why "Ranting and Raving" must eventually be cancelled, I must admit I hate to see it go. The pain I feel today is the pain of a father watching his only son die. A pain so profound as to stifle any anger I may wish to include in this week's "Ranting and Raving".

No more bashing female comics, SNL, or, anything else I may find horribly unsophisticated. As of today I have no definite idea what will replace "Ranting and Raving". So, this is your last

chance to rant. Send grievances, annoyances, and any general malice you can muster.

I know many of you will be overjoyed to see "Ranting and Raving" gone. To you, those people of the greater Burlington area, I concede this defeat. Indeed, your

victory is yet another indication of the very real voice you exercise. Be proud of yourselves. Your victory is indicative

of your own influence. Rest assured, your power is not the paper tiger you may believe it is; do not let your own apathy govern your decisions.

We all have the ability to change the world around us in several ways. The snowball that begins to roll, eventually becomes an avalanche.

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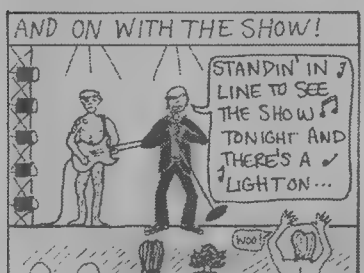
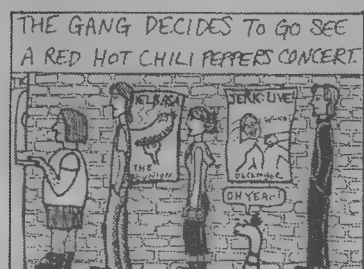
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The Stars Do Not Lie

Aries

March 21 - April 19

With mid-term elections over, you're asking one of two questions: "Why is my ankle bleeding at 3 am?" or "Why are you disrespecting me?" Let's consider one of two answers: "Ha ha ha ha!" or "You look like a fool!"

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You've had a crush on a certain someone for a very long time. Since you are seriously unattractive, you'll have to try hard to make yourself seem intelligent. Once they see through your plan, you'll have to impress them in other ways. Why not try over exaggerating your sexual prowess/experience? Oh yeah, because that would be a lie. A dirty filthy lie! You dirty filthy pervert!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You're not a gem in my eye!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

"I love you," is what I wanted her to say, unfortunately she chose the words "hate", "disgusted", and "Get off me right now or I'm calling the police!" You can't leave me Amber...

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

If you and The Great White Whale are going hunting for a piece of Ahab, I want in. No, I just want to tag along. You don't know what I mean by "a piece of Ahab"? Well...I mean...I probably meant stinky raw fish. You know, sushi.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

You think the horoscopes in Seven Days are cool? Take it back. Take it back right now, or you and BroHammer are gonna have some- Stop it! Stop laugh-

Weekly Horoscopes

The Stars Do Not Lie

ing! BroHammer is my nickname!

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Dennis Leary is becoming more and more pathetic everyday. He makes me sick. Hey Leary: We understand you drink, smoke, and do lots of cocaine, but that doesn't make you funny. Here's a disgusting joke that's funnier than Dennis Leary: Tom Arnold.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Pick up lines can be funny or seriously inappropriate. Here's a serious one: Want to see my watch? Here's an inappropriate one: Did it hurt when you fell? Sorry I threw you.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

If you happen to walk in on your roommate having "relations" with an unknown man/woman, try encouraging their "performance". Say things like: "Wow, that's quite a...it's not a birthmark?" and "Put your pants back on and open the window, it's humid in here." When this fails,

quietly stare at them from a dark corner until they are ashamed of their bodies.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

I ride the bus with everyone else. My body odor bothers people. It is neither "against my religion" nor "something that bothers me" too much. Accept me for who I am and if you see me stop asking me to put my arms down.

Aquarius

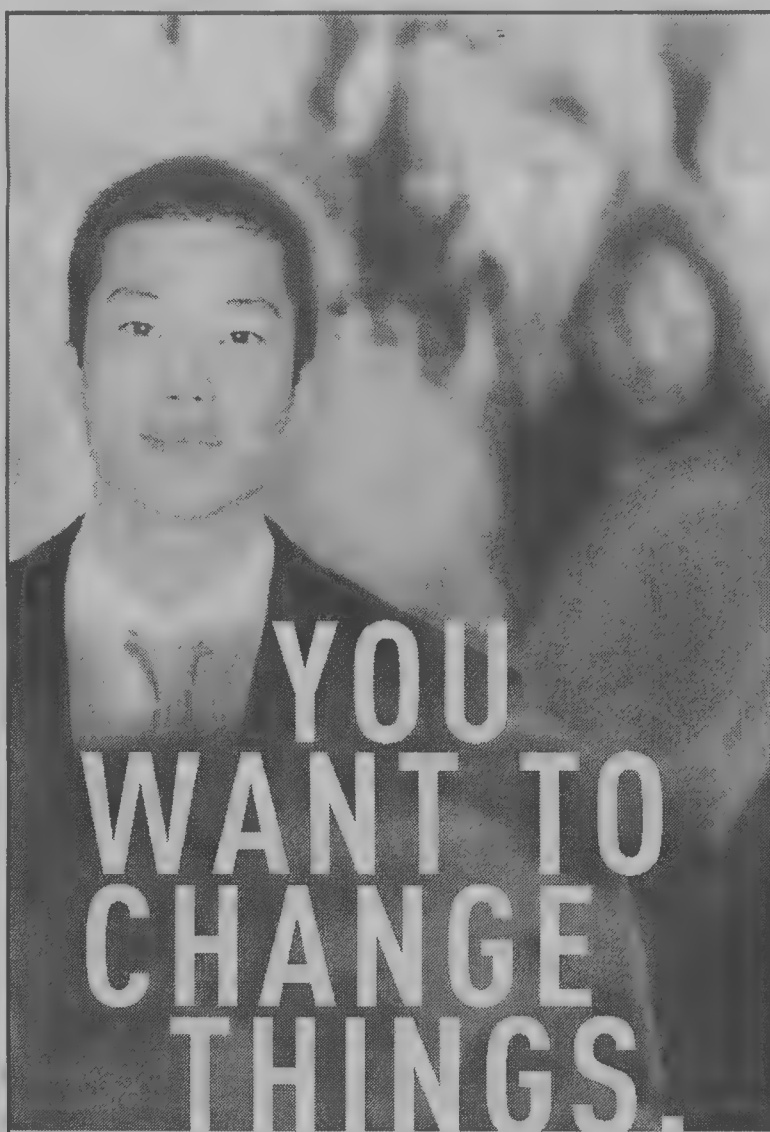
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

You remind me of a young Bruce Springsteen. Actually, now that I think about it, you really remind me of Sting. He's a father too. Oh, that's what that song was about. Hhhmmmm.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

If you think you'll win him over with cheap compliments, you're absolutely right. He's a moron with low self-esteem and a love for stupid cartoons. I'm talking about Garfield, not Space Ghost. Space Ghost is funny, unlike that stupid Cat and Dog and their idiot owner.



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What's Going On This Week On Campus

TUESDAY

Noon to 1 p.m. — SEMINAR: "Signaling and Sensing: environmental inputs reset the Arabidopsis circadian clock," Dr. C. Robertson McClung, Dartmouth College, Stafford Hall 101. Information: (802) 656-2164

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — WORKSHOP: "Cooking for Life" (6-sessions November 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17). Register by November 11; free to income eligible participants. Call Angel Letourneau, 1-800-639-4065, to register. Gilman Head Start, Gilman. Information: Bernadette Bessette, UVM Extension St. Johnsbury Office, (802) 751-8307 x25 or 1-800-545-8920, mailto:bernadette.bessette@uvm.edu.

Noon to 4:30 p.m. — MEETING: "On-farm Farmer Grants - Farmer/Grower Forum." Will highlight several successful farmer grants, past on-farm demonstrations, and promote discussion of ideas from farmers interested in submitting grants (to study innovative production, marketing, and education techniques). Pre-register by November 4. Vermont Technical College, Morey Lounge, Randolph Center. Information: Allen Matthews, Center for Sustainable Agriculture, (802) 656-0037, mailto:allen.matthews@uvm.edu.

Noon to 1 p.m. — WORKSHOP: "Why Do A

WEDNESDAY

Residentially-Based Class," Charlotte Mehrtens, Director of the Living/Learning Center; and Annie Stevens, Interim Assistant VP for Student Affairs. Center for Teaching and Learning, Bailey-Howe Library. Information and registration: Charlotte Mehrtens, Living/Learning Center, 656-4200, mailto:cmehrtens@zoo.uvm.edu.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — University Scholars SEMINAR: "Evolution and the Genetics of Structured Populations," Charles Goodnight, UVM Biology Department. Information: Graduate College 802/656-3160.

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — COLLOQUIUM: "Alternative Methods in Hologram Production," John Perry, Holographics North, Inc. Information: Physics Department, 656-2644. A-418, Cook Physical Science Building. Information: Physics Department, 656-2644. <http://www.uvm.edu/~physics/>.

THURSDAY

12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. — WORKSHOP: "Flower Arranging Workshop," Kimiko Yumoto, Japanese Language Program. Registration required. Nominal fee collected for flowers at workshop. 302 Living/Learning Center. Information and Registration: 656-1117, mailto:mmcorson@zoo.uvm.edu.

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. — READING: Lorrie Moore, Professor of English, University of Wisconsin at Madison. She will have a question and answer period followed by a reading from her works. John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. Information: 656-3056

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. — SEMINAR: "PDE3 Cyclic Nucleotide Phosphodiesterases and the Compartmentation of Intracellular Signaling in Cardiac and Vascular Myocytes," Dr. Matthew Movsesian, Professor, Internal Medicine (Cardiology), University of Utah; B-333 Given, http://pharmweb.med.uvm.edu/seminar/2001/july2002_dec2002.htm

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — PLAY: "The Crucible," Arthur Miller. The UVM Theatre presents a chilling American drama of fear and deception based on the Salem Witch Trials and inspired by the mass hysteria of the Cold War. Tickets \$8 to \$14. Royall Tyler Stage. Information: 656-2094, <http://www.uvm.edu/theatre>.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. — COFFEEHOUSE: Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, Abby Jenne, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building. Information: 656-4200, mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu, <http://www.uvm.edu/~llcenter>. For more information on the performer, visit <http://www.abbyjenne.com/>.

FRIDAY

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Cornell. Ithaca, NY. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Cornell. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — CONCERT: "The Antonio Calogero Ensemble." Jazz ensemble with Antonio Calogero, Guitar; Paul McCandless, Oboe and Sax; Michael Manring, Fretless Bass; Brian Rice, Percussion. Tickets: \$25/\$5 students with ID at door. UVM Recital Hall, Music Building, Redstone Campus.

Information: Lane Series, 656-4455, mailto:nneuert@zoo.uvm.edu, <http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries>.

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — PLAY: "The Crucible," Tickets \$8 to \$14. Royall Tyler Stage. Information: 656-2094, <http://www.uvm.edu/theatre>.

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. — DANCE: "Fall Performance." Presentation of faculty and student choreographed works. Tickets \$6,\$4. Dance Studio/Patrick Gym. Information: 656-4183, mehayes@zoo.uvm.edu.

SATURDAY

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — CROSS COUNTRY: NCAA Regionals. Van Cortland Park. New York, NY. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — SWIMMING: Vs. Colgate with New Hampshire. Hamilton, NY. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Colgate. Hamilton, NY. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — MEN'S HOCKEY: Vs. Colgate. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — CONCERT: North Indian Classical vocal Music with Tripti Mukherjee, accompanied by Samir Chatterjee on the tabla, and Suresh Benegal on the harmonium. Music Department Recital Hall, Redstone Campus. Tickets \$10, \$7, and \$5 available at the door. ADA, 656-3166. Information: 656-0051, <http://www.uvm.edu/~fimd>

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SUNDAY

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. — CONCERT: "Nancy Armstrong, voice and Peter Sykes, fortepiano." Tickets: \$20/\$5 students with ID at door. UVM Recital Hall, Music Building, Redstone Campus. Information: Lane Series, 656-4455, mailto:nneuert@zoo.uvm.edu, <http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries>.

MONDAY

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — SPEAKER: "Probing the Adaptive Significance of Chloroplast Movement in Leaves Using Photoacoustics - Listening to Photosynthesis" Tom Vogelmann, Department of Botany. Room 105 Marsh Life Sciences Building. Refreshments at 3:50 p.m. Information: Biology Department 802-656-2922.

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. — SEMINAR: "Republican Vermont: Those Were the Days," Samuel B. Hand, Emeritus, History. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building. Information: 656-4389, mailto:crv@uvm.edu

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Club Soccer Takes Home Title Men's Hockey Doesn't Fare Well

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Island, also gave Lafrenz a lot of credit. "I think the biggest difference between this year and past years is having a coach. It was definitely a figure head that really brought the team together." The team went from a 2-3-2 record last year to 6-0-1 this year.

UVM is part of the Northeast Women's Intercollegiate Club Soccer Association which is comprised of Syracuse University, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland (the league's defending champions), Colgate University, SUNY Geneseo, Cornell University, and Vermont. Vermont's only non-win was a tie to Syracuse University in their last regular season game on October 13th in Syracuse.

The lack of recognition the team gets could be directly related to the fact that there was only one home game this season. Says Gibbs, a sophomore from Barnet, Vermont, "We only played one home game this year. Geneseo was supposed to come on homecoming weekend which would have been nice for our parents to come and watch." Gibbs scored seven goals in seven games including the game-winning goal in the champi-

onship game against Cornell.

The future of the team looks bright. There are eight freshmen, two sophomores, four juniors and one graduate student, all of whom will be returning next year. Gibbs is very excited about the next couple of years. "It's really good to have all of the freshmen coming in who are so dedicated and are going to continue to build our club. Hopefully in the next few years we'll have more games locally and more clubs start to form around us, and we can play around here."

The program, which is only three years old was started by team members Leora Barry, Clemente, Driscoll, and Dorothy Pastor during their sophomore year. Clemente, Barry and Driscoll, along with sophomores Gibbs and Amanda Randow currently compose the Board of the club.

Scheduling conflicts and availability of playing fields cause the team to practice at unfavorable times such as 6 am and near dusk practices.

"We're the team that watches the sun come up, and also come down," said Randow.

-Contributions to this story were made by Emily Gibbs

MEN'S HOCKEY

Dominic Moore had a goal and an assist in a three-goal second period as Harvard defeated Vermont, 4-2, in ECAC men's ice hockey action Saturday at the Bright Hockey Center.

Freshman Travis Russell, getting his second career start, tied the UVM record for saves in a game with 52. Dave Reece had 52 saves against New Hampshire on Jan. 10, 1970.

Harvard, 2-1-0 overall and in the ECAC, took a 1-0 lead at 6:30 on the first period when freshman Dan Murphy nudged a rebound over the line after Vermont goalie Travis Russell made a nice save on Brett Nowak from the slot. Tyler Kolarik also assisted on the goal, the first career tally for Murphy.

The Crimson outshot Vermont, 18-10, in the first period, giving Russell plenty of action in his first ECAC start.

Harvard had 56 shots in the game to 26 for Vermont. Harvard grabbed a 2-0 lead at 7:46 of the second period with a power-play goal by Dominic Moore.

Vermont, 2-4-2 overall and 0-2-0 in the ECAC, got on the scoreboard late in the second period when senior assistant captain Ryan Miller scored his third goal

of the season on the power play, digging the puck out in front of the net and slipping it past Harvard netminder Dov Grumet-Morris.

Phil Youngclaus and Jeff Miles assisted on the goal, the 12th in Miller's career.

The Catamounts cut into the lead late in the game when freshman Baron Becker scored his first collegiate goal on a rebound with 34 seconds remaining. Bryson Busniuk and Brady Leisenring assisted on the goal.

Harvard's Grumet-Morris made 24 saves for his second win of the season.

On Friday, the Brown Bears used a swarming first-period attack, strong team defense and 29 saves from junior goaltender Yann Danis in a 5-0 win over Vermont Friday in ECAC Division I men's ice hockey action at Meehan Auditorium.

Brown sophomore Les Haggett had three for the Bears, 2-0-0 overall and in the ECAC. Brown, behind the brilliant play of Danis, the school's all-time shut-out leader, has yet to give up a goal this season.

"We started poorly and finished poorly, but we had some brilliant times in the middle," Vermont coach Mike Gilligan

said. "We just couldn't finish our chances. When you get behind a goalie like Danis, it's an uphill battle. We stopped doing the little things well."

Brown took a quick 1-0 lead on the power play when junior defenseman Vince Macri wristed a shot from the left point that rung off the post to the left of Vermont's Shawn Conschafter and bounced in. Les Haggett and Keith Kirley assisted on the goal at 1:27.

The Bears made it 2-0 at 11:31 of the first when senior Jason Wilson ripped a well-placed snapshot that found the upper corner over Conschafter's right shoulder.

Conschafter made 21 saves and gave up five goals for Vermont before being replaced by freshman Travis Russell with 7:52 left in the game. -Sports Info.

Gold Cat Pride tee-shirts will be sold at Cook Commons on Thursday from 1:00-3:30 for \$5 each. November 15 will also be a "White-Out" at Gutterson Arena for the Men's first home conference game. Fans are encourage to wear all white to the game.

Cats Topple Dalhousie



Evamarie Perron/VC Editor

#33 Morgan Hall and the rest of the Women's Basketball team are finally ready for the regular season after beating Dalhousie 91-58. The Cats open their season November 22 when they host Yale at 6 pm.

UVM Ousted by NU

FIELD HOCKEY

Mari Creatini scored the first two goals of the game and Liane Dixon added a goal and an assist to lead the top-seeded Northeastern Huskies to a 5-0 victory over #4 Vermont in the semifinals of the America East Field Hockey Championships.

The Huskies, ranked seventh in the nation, out shot UVM 24-4 in the contest. Vermont's Holly Colberg made nine saves in net for the Catamounts, while Emily Roy made just two stops for Northeastern.

Northeastern (16-3) advances to the championship game on Sunday, November 10 at 2:00pm and will play the winner of the second semifinal between New Hampshire and Maine.

Vermont, making its first America East Playoff appearance in a decade, ends the season at 7-13. Senior Shawn Carney and junior Amanda Paquette were selected to the all-tournament team.

-Sports Info

Women Complete Tough Weekend

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Brown University used three goals from three different players and two assists from Jessica Link in the first period to earn a 3-0 victory over Vermont in ECAC women's hockey action.

Karen Thatcher scored on an assist from Link at 3:08 of the first period to put Brown up 1-0. Link teamed with Thatcher on Kerry Nugent's goal at 13:37. Teammate Ashlee Drover followed just 19 seconds later with Brown's third straight goal. The Bears would take the 3-0 lead into the first intermission and hang on to it for the rest of the contest.

Senior Tiffany Hayes

replaced sophomore Kami Cote in net and finished the afternoon with 52 saves and did not allow a goal. It was the eighth time in Hayes' career she's made 50 or more saves in a game. Senior Pam Dreyer made 13 stops in the Brown net to pick up the shutout.

On Saturday, freshman Julie Chu and sophomore Nicole Corriero each registered a hat-trick to lead the Harvard past Vermont 13-0 in the Crimson's season opener. Junior Jennifer Botterill also recorded nine points on the night on two goals and

seven assists.

Chu netted the first of her three first period tallies at 5:01 and the Crimson rolled to a 7-0 lead after the first period.

Tiffany Hayes started in the Vermont net and made just one save, before being replaced by sophomore Kami Cote in the first period. Cote finished the night with 39 saves for Vermont.

Vermont (2-8-0, 0-3-0) travels to Cornell and Colgate for a pair of ECAC contests next Friday and Saturday.

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David Hasselhof's Alter Ego

By BRETT WEIR

One can make a complete run through life without making a difference, leaving a footprint or even drawing outside the lines. These lives are generic and boring in every aspect of the word.

Last Thursday I ventured out and by stomping down hard on life, I made my footprint.

I woke up Thursday morning with a groggy head and started to head right to the shower. For some reason though, I decided to increase my self-inflicted misery and checked the surf report for my local surf area in Hampton, NH.

Unfortunately, the waves were six to eight feet tall which resulted in me packing a few essentials and heading down 89 for three hours to Hampton, NH.

The trip was simultaneously the shortest and longest imaginable, but became all worth while when I pulled into the parking lot and peered over the large concrete wall which separated the awestruck spectators from the giddy surfers who threw on wetsuits like young children rush into whatever clothes they can find on their bedroom floor on Christmas morning.

The waves were large, perfect and barreling in a way that Hampton had never seen.

I surfed all afternoon in a state of nirvana while totally ignoring the sub-50 degree water temperatures and 38 degree air temperature coupled with the 20 mph wind.

Soon, my arms began to feel numb as I had paddled most of the afternoon without stopping. I sat on my board taking in the scene and looking for one last wave to ride in to cap off a perfect afternoon.

I then noticed a small figure on the horizon frantically waving his arms at me. After a while I realized he was in distress. He was almost a half mile off shore and it would require a great effort to go out to him. However, I put my head down and began to go out to him.

When I reached him he told me he had dislocated his shoulder and could not paddle back in. He had been drifting for about an hour and now the sun was beginning to sit on the roofs of the weather-beaten beach houses.

I paddled him over to a nearby lobster buoy and told him I would go in and call the Coast Guard to come rescue him.

We exchanged names and before I turned around to go back to the beach he grabbed my hand and looked right into my eyes and said, "Brett, you just saved my life, man."

I knew at that moment what I needed to do as fast as I could but when I turned around something slipped into my wetsuit that had not been able to poach the waterproof seams all day: Fear.

I was more than half a mile away from the beach and could not see any surfers from where I was. I was staring right into the wind and now I was so scared my arms were barely functioning. 'How am I going to save Tan's life if I can't even save my own?' I asked myself.

By some unknown miracle, I made it back into the beach. It wasn't pretty but somehow my legs were able to run up the beach and notify everyone there of the surfer in distress.

I immediately called the Coast Guard giving them all the necessary information to make the rescue just as the red sky was changing over to a dark purple.

The point I am trying to make here is: Take a day off and go surfing. And while you're there, don't be afraid to take a chance to make a difference in your life and someone else's.

Men Clinch Finals Appearance with PK's

MEN'S SOCCER

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Corry came off the bench to make two saves in the penalty kick round as second-seeded Vermont advanced past Hartford to the title game of the 2002 America East Men's Soccer Championship at Centennial Field in front of 1,122 fans.

Before UVM bested the third-seeded Hawks, 4-2 in penalty kicks, the teams battled to a 2-2 draw that included two overtimes.

The Catamounts will play top-seeded Northeastern in the championship next Sunday, November 17th at 1 p.m. at N.U.'s Parsons Field in Brookline, MA. The winner earns an automatic bid to the 2002 NCAA College Cup.

Corry, was given the nod by Vermont coach Roy Patton, came in for Cats' starting keeper David Sullivan (five saves in 110 minutes) in the penalty kick round. Corry delivered, making diving saves on bids by the Hawks' Peter Sjolín and Guy Primor.

Vermont, behind Tim Parisi, Neal Beasley, Keli Helgason and Mike Samer, was perfect on all four of their attempts. Samer, whose second-half goal forced the extra time, scored the clinching fourth PK goal.

"We had so many chances to



Evamarie Perron/VC Editor

UVM defenders (L-R) Tim Parisi, Tony Anderson, David Sullivan, Adam Wallace, Sullivan Silva and Ethan Hutchins defend their net during their semi-final win over Hartford on Sunday. The Cats, who were picked to finish seventh in America East will advance to the conference championships next weekend.

win in a conventional manner, it was fortunate to come through in the bonus round," commented Patton. "Our guys really worked hard today and deserve to play another game."

Vermont opened the scoring in the 13th minute as Ethan Hutchins headed in cross by Adam Wallace.

In the 18th minute, Alon Lubezky, on a feed from Maurizio Silvestri, scored his conference-leading 14th goal on a goalmouth header.

After the break, Vermont took control of the game, out-shooting Hartford, 15-5 in the second half. The Catamounts got the equalizer in the 59th minute as Samer, after nice touch passes from Helgason and Wallace, beat Ryan Carr from four yards.

In the overtimes, both sides had great chances to end it as Carr robbed Wallace and Tony Anderson on point blank shots while Sullivan made a nifty stop on Lubezky from 18 yards. Carr was the tough luck loser making

eight stops as Hartford ends their season at 7-10-2.

With the decision, Vermont (10-6-2) remains perfect this season at Centennial Field (6-0-2) and they will look to avenge a 4-3 overtime loss at Northeastern back on October 19th.

The Catamounts advance to the title game for the fifth time. They previously won the championship in 1989, 1990 and two years ago in 2000.

-Sports Info.

Rams Handle Cats in Pool Club Soccer Gets it Done

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Writer

The UVM Women's Club Soccer team went undefeated this year, going 6-0-1 through their win in the championship match on Sunday November 3rd against Cornell University by a score of 1-0.

The playoffs and championship game were played at the Cortland fields in less than optimal conditions with snow on the ground, which fell during the girls' semi-final game the day before.

The team also faced many adverse situations on their way to the title. Head coach Drew Lafrenz was not able to attend the championship game because he was in a car accident the night before the game, and there were no "official" referees.

"We didn't have any official

referees so the game was kind of dirty," says Kate Driscoll. "It was pretty even through the whole game and then Nicole Clemente drew a foul from about 25 yards out and Emily Gibbs put in the direct kick over the wall straight into the back of the net with four minutes to go."

Coach Lafrenz, from Mooretown, Vermont also coaches the boys Junior Varsity team at Harwood High School in Harwood, VT. He is the first coach the club team has had.

According to Driscoll, vice president of the club and a senior from Derry, New Hampshire, having Lafrenz around has made all the difference, "We have a great coach. No doubt about it we improved 110% from last year with Drew as our coach."

Clemente, club president and senior from Cumberland, Rhode Island

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Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

Julianne Hellmuth swims in the freestyle event on Saturday.

Men and Women Fall Both to 0-3

The University of Rhode Island men's and women's swim teams defeated Vermont at Forbush Natatorium this afternoon.

The URI men defeated UVM 157-93, while the Rhode Island women's team earned a 199-100 victory over the Catamounts.

On the men's side, Rhode Island's Matt Benedict set a pool record in the 100 butterfly, posting a time of 57.43 in the event. Steve Fennessy and Greg Gullickson had strong performances for the Vermont men.

Fennessy finished first in the 200 backstroke (2:09.20) and second in the 500 freestyle (5:27.51) and 100 backstroke (58.06).

Gullickson won the 100 freestyle (53.88) and swam the first leg of Vermont's 400 freestyle relay team that placed first (3:45.51).

SWIMMING

On the women's side, Helen Dembinski and Allison Buza performed well. Dembinski won the 100 breaststroke (1:12.61), finished second in the 200 breaststroke (2:38.81), was third in the 200 individual medley (2:23.13) and swam the second leg in Vermont's second place 200 medley relay team (1:58.54).

Buza finished second in the 200 freestyle (2:02.41), second in the 100 freestyle (56.86), second in the 500 freestyle (5:32.13), and was a member of UVM's third place 400 freestyle relay team (3:53.29).

Vermont (0-3 men, 0-3 women) travels to Sacred Heart on Sunday for an 11:00am meet.

-Sports Info.



Courtesy of Women's Club Soccer

The women's club soccer team recently completed their season by winning the Northeast Women's Intercollegiate Club Soccer Association.

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Protestors Gather at Ira Allen; Speak Out For Peace



Protestors gather outside of Ira Allen Chapel Monday, Nov. 11 to speak out against guest speaker Dinesh D'Souza. D'Souza was brought by the College Republicans to speak on his book "America and Its Enemies." Many grouped together to protest D'Souza, speaking out against him and the war on terrorism, calling for an end to the sanctions on Iraq. Ira Allen filled that evening, and the discussion got quite heated during the question and answer period with D'Souza.

Photo by Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

Vegetarians and Vegans Find Home at UVM and Burlington

By FAITH HALE
Cynic Staff Writer

"Meat, glorious meat. What would we do without it?"

Apparently plenty, according to vegetarians on campus.

UVM has a reputation for attracting neo-hippie types, prone to leftist views, dreadlocks, and peculiar eating habits.

The Princeton review even goes so far as to rank the school number one in the nation of "Birkenstock-wearing, tree-hugging, clove-smoking vegetarians."

Though this generalization doesn't apply to many students, there certainly is a large proportion of vegetarian students on campus as compared to other state universities.

Students generally report to being pleased with the selection of foods on campus.

"I can always find something to eat here," said first-year Anja Jokela, "but I end up buying a lot of prepackaged foods."

Vegetarian students should avoid this trap by getting to dining halls during meal-times and taking advantage of the many vegetarian specialties.

Favorite hot-spots on campus for fine vegetarian dining include a vegan bar in the Living Learning Center, The Marche. It

serves vegan entrees such as crepes, falafels, and burritos, as well as side-salads that differ from day-to-day..

A full meal including entrée, side-salad and jade tea or soda is only \$4.95, making it economical as well as a healthy, natural alternative to pizza and fries.

Another vegetarian specialty can be found at Cook-commons, with a make-your-own salad bar and wrap station.

For a late-night meal, the Simpson Store grills up a great veggie burger.

Be assured, these tasty patties are cooked on separate grills to avoid contact with meat juices. The Simpson Store also offers several varieties of soy milk, a big help for on-campus vegans who are stuck with a required meal-plan and may not want to spend money off campus.

For a quick breakfast, grab a soy-shake made by Fresh Samantha, found in Simpson Store, the Marche, and Alice's.

This is packed with protein, valuable for vegetarians who may be at risk for not getting enough.

If this still doesn't suit one's specific needs, the individual dining complex managers are receptive to comments and are quick to answer concerns.

A comments box is located in

each dining area, and complaints are quickly answered and posted for the public to see.

For those not interested in the dining hall but don't have the transportation to go downtown, there is always Slade Hall on Redstone Campus, the residential hall that cooks their own food, and varies different vegetarian and vegan meals.

The students in Slade are always welcoming guests to come over and enjoy the healthy fare.

For those not restricted by a meal plan, head to down-town Burlington for a variety of vegetarian options.

Stock up on prepackaged goodies at the Onion River Co-op to bring back to the dorm, or head to Five Spice Café on Church Street for a sit-down meal with great atmosphere.

For late-night cravings for the best known falafel around, make sure to check out collegiate favorite Ali Baba's Kabob Shop, located on College Street.

If one is tight on money, get a hummus or veggie sandwich at one of the many delis in Burlington, like the Vermont Sandwich company and Top-of-the-block deli, which features freshly baked, homemade bread.

"Burlington is so veggie friendly it's not even funny," remarked Caitlin Steeves, and out-of-town visitor.

"It's easy to be a vegetarian in a place like this."

'Burlington is so veggie friendly it's not even funny. It's easy to be a vegetarian in a place like this.'

-Caitlin Steeves
Visitor

Police Send Out Campus Safety Advisory

The following is a campus safety advisory from Chief of Police Gary Margolis.

UVM Students:

I am writing to you in response to concerns that have been raised related to the safety of students on campus.

As President Fogel stated last week, the university is reviewing security procedures and continuously working to address crime and safety issues.

I want to address several pressing issues:

1) Police Services is doing everything we can to apprehend the perpetrator in the Tupper Hall robbery.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please call 656-TIPS (8477) or use our web-

based crime reporting at http://www.uvm.edu/police/?Page=silent_witness.htm.

You can choose to identify yourself or remain anonymous.

2) Rumors are circulating that several sexual assaults occurred on campus in the last few days.

We have investigated these rumors and, to date, have no reports of a rash of rapes or other sexual assaults that confirm the rumors.

3) We know that under-reporting of date rape, acquaintance rape, and other forms of sexual assault remains a problem on campuses nationwide.

-Gary Margolis
in a safety advisory

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Powder Preview: Smugglers' Notch



Photo Courtesy of Smuggler's Notch
Skiers and snowboarders ride Smuggler's glades area.

Second Part of Ski Season Preview

This is the second in a series of local Ski Resort preview reports. Look for Stowe, Sugarbush, and Killington to be reviewed in the near future.

Finally, our scenery and surroundings are filling with the white substance that skiers and riders alike crave: snow. In continuation of the ski resort preview series, we'll travel 45 minutes from campus to Smuggler's Notch Ski Resort in Jeffersonville, Vermont.

Typically, Smuggler's Notch is thought of as a family resort,

which is ironic considering its deep-seated past in smuggling, both during the 1800's in moving otherwise embargoed English goods across borders and during Prohibition in transporting bootlegged booze.

It was voted the #1 Family Resort in North America by *Ski Magazine*, but for the more avid skier/rider Smugg's, as it is known to locals, is also home to enough steep and varied terrain, between its three mountains, to keep any powder hound fat and giggly.

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To the Editor:

I turned on the news the other night to see yet another petty protest in front of the Ira Allen Chapel. Once again I was embarrassed and angry. Why can't this university bring an esteemed and intelligent speaker here without protestors trying to take over? The lecture and discussion of the evening always seems to deteriorate into some misguided angry socialist yelling incoherent and irrelevant jargon taken from the Socialist Worker (I'm considering a subscription by the way, as it's cheaper than toilet paper).

There are many students who, like myself, take advantage of what UVM has to offer and attend these lectures with an

open mind. I don't always agree with the speaker, but even if I don't, I wouldn't blatantly disrespect him/her or the audience of students and residents who are interested in hearing the views of others. If you want to present your views, that's fine, but do it on your own time. Don't spew inaccurate and heavily skewed facts and the same old propaganda during an intellectual discussion. During question and answer sessions, try asking a question for a change. Let UVM show that we are an intelligent community-give these speakers a reason to come. And let us give them some respect, while we're at it.

Todd Wilson
Class of 2006

Student Responsibility a Safe Measure

In the recent wake of violent and scary events on campus, the police services and others have issued warnings and concerns about safety on campus.

As safety on this campus can only be controlled so much because of the lack of gates and other blocking equipment on campus, the real responsibility is on the students.

There are no guards, there are no check-in points.

So, to keep this beautiful and large campus safe, students need to take matters into their own hands.

There are a few simple rules everyone can follow to guarantee safety for all.

Don't prop doors, and if you see one propped, close it.

If students aren't responsible enough to remember their keys, that's their problem.

Everyone needs to take his/her own responsibility and act maturely. Such adult actions include locking doors.

No one's going to prop open a house or apartment door in the real world, so don't get used to it now.

Propped doors just invite in people who don't belong through the doors.

Granted, for someone who has a premeditated notion to come into a dorm, a locked door won't stop him/her, but it will cut down on convenience or easy crimes like theft.

Furthermore, students should be aware of who is in their dorms.

Especially in dorms with dining halls, there are so many entries and open doors throughout the day.

If one thinks that people only come in

and commit crimes at night, one is wrong.

People need to remember that the robbery happened at 3:00 in the afternoon-not at 2 a.m.

If someone is looking suspicious in the dorm, one doesn't have to be a cop or an RA to stop and ask the suspect if he/she has his/her UVM ID and if he/she is a student.

Many people come in and wander around in the dorms, these people let in by others who have no qualms about letting just anyone in the dorms.

If people are asking you to let them in, have no problems with telling them you would feel more comfortable if they used the call box every dorm has to call their friends down to let them in.

You have no responsibility to let anyone in that you don't think belongs in the dorm.

Students are the biggest deterrent in preventing crime-not the police or the administration. Nevertheless, police are in the dorms to help.

Yet people complain about how much presence the said police have in the dorms-but we can do something to curb their presence.

We can reduce police presence by being our own "police" and making sure that we all make a concerted effort to be on top of the safety on this campus.

Nobody wants their tvs stolen, their computers missing or their roommates held up at knifepoint.

The easiest way to prevent such atrocities is to look around, ask questions and be careful.

Using caution will make this campus a much safer place.

A Look in from the Outside

To the Editor:

I'd like to share my thoughts about Dinesh D'Souza's lecture at the Ira Allen Chapel on Nov. 11.

First of all, let me state that as an immigrant I do not share Mr. D'Souza's view that all immigrants are provided with a better standard of life in the USA than in any other country. As an immigrant living in Germany for seven years and as a citizen of Bosnia, I am challenging this assumption by stating that a worker in Germany, and yes, even in postwar Bosnia, is far better off than an immigrant worker in the USA.

Standards of living should not only be measured by macroscopic figures that are abstracted from the real life of the actual immigrants (actually the tendency to generalize - though he repeatedly ridiculed the audience by stating that they are not presenting any "specific evidence" to their arguments - is the only (mis)talent that I have discovered in Mr. D'Souza as a propagandistic scholar par example). A worker in Germany may receive, instead of seven dollars, only

five dollars, but it needs to be noted that living expenses such as housing, food and transportation are far lower than in the US. Also, an immigrant in Germany receives full health-coverage as in most European and all Scandinavian countries.

In addition, one should never disregard, as Mr. D'Souza did, the subjective experience and evaluation of one's own life in a country (such as higher education - which is free in Germany). And one should never - as is often done in this institution - base one's opinions on distorted and isolated facts and assumptions which produce false generalizations (Mr. D'Souza, your experience as an Indian immigrant does not give you the authority to speak for all immigrants or all Indians) and which produce propaganda which could potentially lead such young people as those covered with an American flag (remember?) to catastrophic decisions (verbal and physical discrimination).

Zeljko Knezevic
Class of 2003

Setting the Record Straight

To the Editor:

In his article about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Greg Rudolph inaccurately tries to paint me as a supporter of Arafat. He also wrongly states that I support Israeli citizenship for Palestinians.

While I find his dismissal of the suffering that imperialism has inflicted on many nations very arrogant, I wouldn't bother trying to defend these other views he accused me of holding. Suffice it to say that I think both Sharon and Arafat are more interested in personal greed and political glories than the well-being of their own peoples.

However, I would be very interested to see Mr. Rudolph justifying Sharon's support of the colonists to 2/3 of Israeli citi-

zens (Tel-Aviv University survey, Ha'aretz 6/6/2002), almost half of the Knesset and hundreds of Israel's own 'refusenik' soldiers who recognize that only an end to the Occupation will bring Israel true security and democracy.

I stand with Gush Shalom, Palestinian Women for Nonviolence, American Council of Judaism, Muslims for Peace and Justice, Amnesty International, all of UN member states and countless others in condemning the violence from both sides and in demanding an end to Sharon's policies of expanding the illegal colonies at the expense of both Israelis and Palestinians.

FaRied Ibrahim
Class of 2005

A's & F's

A's

-To the Parking and Transportation Services for doing an excellent job plowing during the winter season, including their thorough plowing of the parking lots. Keep up the good work.

-To SA Concerts for bringing all the great bands this semester. It's great to have awesome music on campus, and you help to bring it in for very little cost to the audience.

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F's

-To the lack of fans decked out in white at the "white out." It would have been cool to see the Gut all whited out to show the team some real school spirit.

-To the students who prop doors. It's not smart and it's not safe. Be an adult and remember your keys.

If you are a graduate or undergraduate student at the University of Vermont and are interested in writing, photography or advertising sales, attend the next Cynic meeting on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the basement of Billings.

There are always positions open. No experience necessary.

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Interested in writing?

Come down to Billings, Wednesday at 5 p.m., and check out the Cynic. If you comply, there is a reward in it for you: hand-crafted gravy boats. That's right-these little wonders are made from 100% mountain clay, expertly hand-thrown and perfect for Mom's Thanksgiving table. Just think of the look on her face when she sees the tangible result of her little Hubert's/Prudence's participation in one of UVM's most enjoyable yet educational organizations: da skool newspapuh. Mama will see and joyfully tear at the concrete results of money well spent and gravy well-contained.

The Real Bad Boys

Friday, 9:30 p.m.

A familiar scene, at least of late, unfolds before my eyes.

In the back window of the Wing-Davis-Wilks parking lot, I see two students with heavy-looking backpacks walking into the Davis circle when a cop suddenly appears and stops the kids.

After a brief argument, the students' wills are cleft by the axe of authority.

In a cacophonous symphony of aluminum, alcoholic beverages clatter down from the upturned backpacks, and the students are given a \$90 alcohol violation—that is, if this is their first violation.

If they have been so unlucky as to encounter the cops before, this ticket results in a \$190 fine.

The grand prize is bestowed if they have had any beer to

drink; they then win a glorious night in their own personalized cell in detox, and a hefty \$599.

This is the second weekend in a row that I have seen, and heard, of the cops busting kids bringing in beer to the WDW dorms.

I am not justifying alcohol consumption through this column, but I am asserting the unimportance of it in light of more pressing campus issues.

With robberies in Tupper and Chittenden, alleged rapes and increased vandalism (namely, my car), it seems that the energies of the police force are being horribly abused.

"Doctor" Margolis, our loving father of a police chief, disagrees.

His reasoning for having officers on duty in the Davis

Circle is that it will prevent people who don't live there from entering.

Fair enough, this seems like a great idea—laudable in fact.

Oh, wait—why are the cops only on duty there on the weekends, the prime days of alcohol consumption?

Is it not more possible for people to enter the buildings and commit crimes on the weekdays?

Ah, "Doctor" Margolis, you are a wily one.

Keep those drinking tickets coming—the University enjoys the profit, and you look good by stopping the (important?) crime.

Meanwhile, the system of values and ethics inherent in our institution is corroding into a heap of rust.

Arising from this pile of rust, like an ominous megalith, are the

money-grubbing hands of bureaucracy.

And now to move on to the issue of individual rights as proposed through the backbone of our great nation, the Constitution.

Various students, when relaying their encounters with the police, have told me that the police officers actually "made" them jump to see if there were any beverages within their backpacks.

Now, I am no politician, but I read Amendment IV of our Constitution ("The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause . . .") to mean that people have the right to the privacy of their belongings, except in the instance of probable cause.

Is the possession of a backpack reason for a person to be

harassed by the cops?

I didn't know that backpacks are that uncommon on college campuses.

I guess I've been somewhere else for the past year and a half. Students of the University of Vermont, as citizens of America, should be treated as such.

A quick guide for the student who is unsure about his/her rights:

1) You don't have to let a cop enter your dorm room unless he sees something illegal.

2) Feel free to talk with officers in your hallway, with your door closed.

3) If an officer tells you that you have to jump, choose your expletives.

Nicholas Bewley is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2006.

Unreal Politik

Professional right-wing agitator Dinesh D'Souza blessed our campus with his presence on Monday evening, and the strangest thing happened. The truth was revealed! No, I'm not talking about the idea that it's virtuous, to be ridiculously wealthy and unconcerned while 36 million people die annually of hunger, or the comfortable proposition that other people's suffering at your expense is good for them.

I'm referring to those who realized the degree to which representatives of the American ruling class will prostitute knowledge, rationality, history and facts, all in the interest of defending the status quo.

This man was not here with a pedagogical agenda, but with a political one: to fool people into thinking that colonialism was good, and that, yes, as an American, you are a "superior human being," thus dulling the rational processes of people with the opiate of patriotism and preparing them for a new bout of US colonialism from Iraq to North Korea.

What surprised me at this Republican pep-rally was not that D'Souza was being paid to lie through his teeth. It was that sections of the crowd ate it up!

Even as one insane D'Souza-lover stood up and shouted, "Death to the Left!" the applause continued! This was Republicanism at its finest.

His entire presentation flew in the face of reality: "colonialism benefited those colonized." Well, if you force millions of workers to direct their labor towards the aggrandizement of a colonizing society (on threat of torture), when that labor could have gone towards the betterment of their own, this is clearly not good for them! And surely the indigenous people of the Americas (40 million of whom were killed by Western colonizers), were better off before the Trail of Tears, manifest destiny

and forced labor.

Under British colonialism, most Indians were materially set-back, while tens of millions starved from exorbitant taxes, rent and the expropriation of commodities. Similar irreparably negative consequences are evidenced under US colonialism in the Dominican Republic, Cuba, the Philippines, Grenada, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Moreover, the reality is that the few lauded things we have in America, freedom of speech (of sorts), opulence (for some), etc., were fought for tooth and nail by oppressed people and American workers. Indeed, many of us would not be at this university if not for the deaths of socialist fighting for better wages and social security.

At every step we have seen a minority, parasitic class in this country, attempting to repress and impoverish the people as much as possible, while benefiting from their labor. And it has only been through the resistance

of the oppressed and working majority against these parasites, that the people have been able to get back even a portion of that wealth and luxury which they created!

Now, with a Republican majority in Congress, despite the fact that 65% of people think a Republican-controlled Congress is harmful, the onus is once again on the people to beat back the Right's attack, and pose an alternative to the 'play dead' tactics of the Democrats.

If you are interested in discussing strategies, tactics or ideas concerning the fight against racism, sexism and homophobia, within the context of a Republican 'mandate,' come to the next meeting of the International Socialist Organization, Wednesday, 11/20, at 7:30pm in Lafayette 100, UVM.

Keith Rosenthal is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

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Student Unity=True Improvement

UVM is in need of serious student organizing. From our professors who are unionizing in an effort to stop being shafted by our bloated and greedy administration, to the students, who are forced weekly to undergo invasive and unfair questioning by UVM police, there are many pressing matters to deal with. Remarkably, however, none of these problems are being addressed by the student community with any sort of urgency.

The Teachers strike has been the subject of several articles, and there have been several demonstrations in support of their struggle. Minimal attention has been paid, but it has been mentioned. But I have yet to read an article relating to the UVM police's invasive new policies of random searches and breathalyzers.

Almost every day, I speak to someone else who has been unfairly targeted by UVM police for alcohol or drug violations. Without appearing drunk, carrying alcohol visibly (or otherwise) or any other viable infraction, these students have been unfairly subjected to immediate breathalyzers. Two people I spoke to are straight-edge, but still face expulsion over alcohol possession. If they refuse, they are written a ticket for the alcohol they never had. Civil rights, anyone? *UVM police have reserved the right to detain and question anyone they suspect or assume may have done something wrong, and there has been no public outcry whatsoever.*

I understand that there has been an increase in crime on our campus and downtown since last year. Unfortunately, busting more people for Saturday night partying will not stop the problem, but that is all the police and administration can really come up with. Even a mild look into crime statistics reveals that there is no connection between an increase in punishment and a decrease in crime. If the UVM police plan to protect us by turning our campus into a police state, we are in big trouble.

In my opinion, the day-to-day Orwellian Big-Brother oppression of my peers and I takes precedence over all other political issues at hand. I wholeheartedly support those who have the strength to fight Bush's war for oil, but come on, people, what about what's going on in your own backyard? We need to organize ourselves to protect our basic civil liberties, and there is no one doing anything about it. Where is the SGA? Where is the ISO, or any other liberal organization on campus? UVM students need to stop stagnating and complaining about their mistreatment, and do something about it. Otherwise, the already insane amount of liberties the cops have been taking will only increase.

Julian Brizzi is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Teach, Don't Preach

On Veterans Day, the College Republicans brought best-selling author Dinesh D'Souza to lecture on campus. D'Souza, a prominent speaker of national renown, was greeted with slanderous flyers and tactless protest that levied charges of racism.

A firm believer in meritocracy, D'Souza advocates the noblest solution of all to race relations, colorblindness; thus, his chilly reception was unfortunate. Unable to match wits with D'Souza, protesters resorted to insults and stump speeches that made them look foolish.

Still, other than an occasional incident of intimidation, the protesters overstepped no boundaries of free speech.

While their activities were shameful, D'Souza's knowledge and sense of humor made the event enjoyable and left many in the audience, even skeptics, impressed.

The reaction of professors to the event, however, was much more disconcerting.

One labeled him racist, sexist and homophobic.

Another used his lectern to lambaste the University for not attracting corresponding left wing speakers.

He must have missed the University's response to the

tragedy of Sept. 11, specifically their decision to sponsor far-left speaker Howard Zinn and the despicable Ward Churchill without promoting a single mainstream, much less conservative, speaker.

Unlike the latter two events, the University did not sponsor Dinesh D'Souza's lecture.

The reaction of one faculty member, however, was intolerable.

English professor Kari Winter spent an entire class period 'discussing' Dinesh D'Souza and the College Republicans.

She distributed a flyer that pulled quotes out of context and prefaced them with labels such as 'White Supremacy = Meritocracy.' Affixed to a wall, this flyer constituted borderline slander; distributed to a class, it was far worse.

As if this was not enough, Dr. Winter accused the College Republicans of harboring 'racist tendencies.'

This professor is no stranger to controversy.

Last semester, she interrupted a private conversation between a professor and a student to express her wish that the political science faculty 'stop training Nazis.'

To toss this repulsive epithet at one of UVM's finest depart-

ments is to insult each and every faculty member and student.

Likewise, to hurl accusations of racism at a student organization, particularly one that has striven to further rational discourse on campus this semester, is disgusting.

The College Republicans are an ethnically and ideologically diverse group of students dedicated to informing others about the existence and breadth of opinion in this country, no small feat at a campus where the left side of the spectrum is significantly over-represented.

To that end, we have attracted two prominent speakers to lecture about timely issues.

This verbal assault belittles our efforts to contribute to diversity of thought on campus and impugns the integrity of each and every member of the College Republicans.

Academic freedom is a noble principle aimed at protecting freedom of inquiry within one's chosen field; it is not meant to safeguard libel and shield from criticism and consequences those who overstep legal and ethical boundaries.

By assassinating the character of a substantial body of students yet again, Dr. Winter has proven herself incapable of tolerating opinions with which she

disagrees.

If faculty cannot be trusted to remain open-minded and refrain from defaming individuals and organizations, how can the University ask students to respect the beliefs of others?

In light of this professor's history, a mere apology would be woefully insufficient.

Russel Henderson is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

Correction:

In the Nov. 12 issue, the last line of the story "Student Robbed in Tupper..." should have read "If the best practices are not underway, the appropriate actions will be taken on the outcome of the investigation."

Also, the statement on security gaps should be omitted, and the student detained was not referred to as "she" by Fogel.

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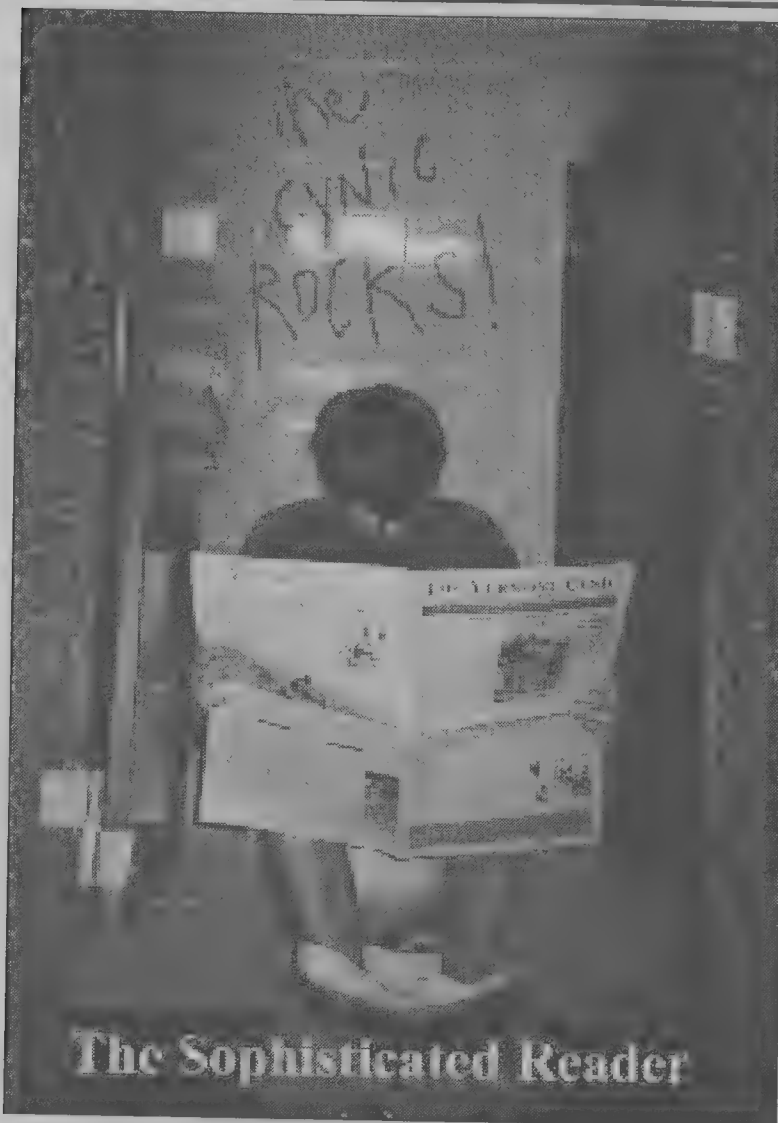
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Smuggler's Notch Ski Preview

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that come from over use of chemicals in snow-making, these come as welcome guidelines.

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Season passes have been available for \$419 since Halloween, but if you had a time machine you could transport yourself back to a time before Labor Day when the pass was a mere \$299.

Transportation to the mountain will have to be taken care of on a skier by skier basis, as there is no regular bus service to the mountain from campus.

Visit Smuggler's Notch's website for further information at www.smuggs.com

Cynical Inquisition

Compiled by Kristen Rigney
How well do you feel President Fogel has contributed to UVM this semester?



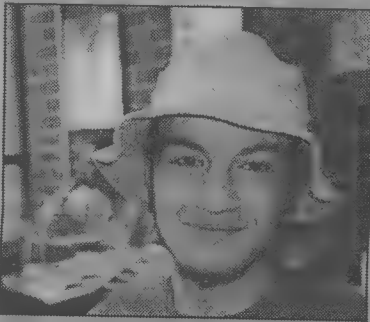
"Who is Fogel?"

Ryan Whalen, 2006



"I heard he was going to check out the art department but he sent his wife and she just stood in the doorway."

Margaret Dewar, 2006



"He has done pretty well. There is no major catastrophes. I think he has dealt well with the whole racial profiling issue pretty well."

Blake Rainville, 2006



"This is my first year and I think he has done a good job keeping us up to date through emails. I don't really have anyone to compare him to, but I think he's doing a good job."

Laura Tefft, 2006

Police Advise Campus Safety Tips to Students

Continued from front

UVM is not immune from this difficult problem. Sexual assault is a serious concern to us, and we want to ensure that victims/survivors feel supported and that everyone is safe.

If cases go unreported, officials have no ability to intervene and victims/survivors don't receive critical help and services available to them.

You may wish to visit the following web pages for information and resources designed to increase sexual assault awareness and prevention:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~women/?Page=advocacy.html> and <http://www.uvm.edu/police/?Page=rad.htm>.

UVM has an effective system in place to allow victims/survivors of sexual assault to safely and confidentially report incidents and seek the services they need. Please contact Anne Smith, our victim's advocate in the Women's Center at 656-7892, if you need help or further information.

In light of these issues, I am reminding all students about the essential role you play in improving your own safety and the safety of everyone on campus. Let me highlight a few simple but effective measures you can take to reduce your risk:

a.. If you must walk alone after dark, choose well-lit and well-traveled areas. Consider using campus transportation.

b.. Be aware of your environment and trust your instincts; unusual or suspicious circumstances should be reported to Police Services at 6-3473.

c.. Keep your residence hall room locked at all times.

d.. Do not prop open exterior residence hall doors and re-secure propped doors.

e.. If you own a cell phone, carry it with you. Dial 911 in an emergency.

f.. Be aware of the location of blue lights around the campus.

g.. Report any suspicious activities such as suspected drug sale or use, strangers in the building, or other concerns to residence hall staff or UVM Police Services (6-3473, 6-TIPS, or http://www.uvm.edu/police/?Page=silent_witness.htm).

Please visit <http://www.uvm.edu/police/?Page=crimeprevention.htm> for additional crime prevention and risk reduction information.

We are working hard to ensure that UVM's campus is as safe and secure for all students as possible, but we can't do it alone. We must work together in this effort and I hope you will do your part.

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UVM Police Win Award For Excellent Service

By MEREDITH SUNEWICK
Cynic Staff Writer

UVM's police services won the 2002 Community Policing Award last month. The award, which was presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and ITT Industries Night Vision, was given to UVM for its successful community outreach program. Eight finalists were selected from 84 worldwide candidates a ceremony in Minneapolis in September.

The award was considered for police forces that had demonstrated good practices in dealing with the communities in which they work.

The UVM police service has 34 staff members, 22 of which are officers. The reward is the result of improved communication with the UVM community. For those readers who remember, police/student relations were under a lot of strain a few years ago due to poor communication and a lack of preventative involvement.

In January 2001, the police department conducted a survey on campus, addressing issues such as crime prevention and community outreach. They found that the department was lacking in these areas, and as a result, they made some changes in how the police are involved on campus.

According to Margolis, since UVM police have become more involved on campus, the department has seen positive results in regards to student perception of the police. "We saw huge increases in what students thought about the police from previous years, from when it was very dismal." The UVM police have become committed to establishing relationships with people on campus



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff
Chief Margolis displays the award.

that facilitate student/police relations. "[The police] are more proactive than reactive. Instead of waiting for a crime to happen and then responding to the crime, we're trying to get ahead of the curb and develop relationships and get good information," says Chief of Police Services Gary Margolis.

Each fall for the past several years, officers have talked with campus residents about safety tips such as not propping dorm doors and reporting crimes. Also, police officers and representatives have become more visible on campus by attending floor and hall meetings and cultivating relationships with resident advisors.

UVM's police services website has also improved relations in the community. By providing information on campus contacts, taking complaints, and updating information on recent crimes on campus, the web site has become an important tool in maintaining good community relations.

Please contact their website:
<http://www.uvm.edu/~police/>

Sigma Phi Epsilon Reinstated Into Vermont Gamma Chapter

The following is a press release sent by the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Look for more Greek Life stories and other Student Life info in the upcoming Student Life section to be introduced Jan. 2003.

On Nov. 16, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon were reinstated into Vermont Gamma.

In August of 1997, 12 young men from this university were approached by SigEp National Headquarters to recolonize UVM.

In 1997, there were 12 members of the Sigma Epsilon Chapter and now in 2002, there are 52 brothers of the new Sigma Phi Epsilon Vermont Gamma Chapter.

The Chartering Banquet took place at the Radisson Hotel in Burlington where over 150 people were in attendance.

Brothers of SigEp, both current and Alumni, families, members of the UVM Greek System, the Greek Life Directors, and members of the National SigEp Office were all in attendance.

This evening marked a new hope and direction for SigEp, now looked at by the entire country as a full fledged fraternity, the Vermont Gamma Chapter of SigEp is growing with much strength and motivation.

Under the current leadership of Jason Meyersburg, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Vermont Gamma Chapter will be making leaps and bounds to help strengthen the Greek System at UVM and to provide a balanced man for the future.

The Vermont Gamma Chapter is an active member of the UVM community.

SigEp has always been an active team in the Intramural Sports department.

This year we won 1st Place for Broomball and are heading for best all around team at UVM.

Academically, the University of Vermont Sigma Epsilon



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff
Jon Baddarocco, SGA President and Sigma Phi Epsilon member, accepts the house's banner.

Chapter has several scholars.

Our Chapter has Vermont Scholars, Presidential Scholars, and Balanced Man Scholars within our brotherhood.

There are SigEp brothers in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Order of Omega, the Greek Honor Society.

With strong scholars, SigEp will help pave the way for scholarly activity in the future.

The Chapter has infiltrated UVM in many activities and organizations.

We have brothers representing the student body in the Student Government Association and as President of the Student Government Association.

There are brothers in our community service organizations like Volunteers in Actions, as Big Buddies, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, and participating in school wide community serv-a-thons.

Many of our brothers are involved in the Business school, and involved in the unique clubs

that are offered in the school.

There are President and Vice Presidents of clubs, Treasurers, and active members.

SigEps are Advocats, RA's, and Orientation Leaders.

There is representation on the Fraternity Managers Association with the President of the Board being a SigEp.

In the past SigEps have collaboratively and individually starred and produced productions for the UVM Theater.

All of the brothers of the Vermont Gamma Chapter of SigEp are involved in some extra curricular activity.

To list them all and the impact of the University would take a novel.

SigEp has and always will come together, no matter what, for the betterment of the Fraternity.

-The brothers of SigEp



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The following Dining Services locations will be OPEN Sunday, December 1st:

Athletic Campus

Harris/Millis Dining Hall4:30pm - 7:00pm
Alice's Cafe5:00pm - 10:00pm

Central Campus

Round Room4:30pm - 7:00pm

Redstone Campus

Simpson Store6:00pm - 11:30pm

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Transporter Shines Like Coal

By **ANDREW WOODS**
Cynic Arts Editor

Needed: 1) One man willing to transport anything, no questions asked. 2) One attractive Asian actress with a poor grasp of the English language and/or Stanislavski's "method acting". 3) A vaguely defined plan to smuggle human cargo through Niece, France led by an Asian businessman with overtly evil henchmen. 4) One French detective that

There are many scenes reminiscent of Speed, Fight Club, and the incomparable xXx, starring Vin Diesel. As an action movie, Transporter is the casserole of a lavish action buffet.

that has a chance, however slim, of a female actress removing her clothes. With these components any would be director could create the master piece known as *The Transporter*

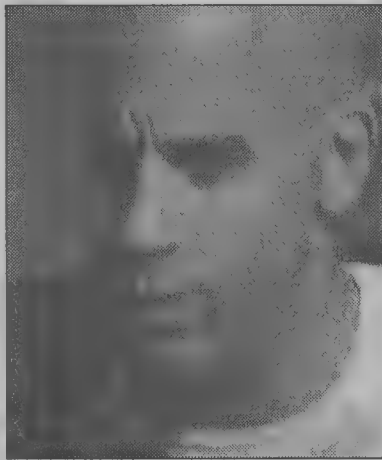
Frank Martin (Jason Statham) an ex-Army officer, of an unknown country, turned mercenary transporter plays a seriously underdeveloped character with a love for discipline, his BMW, and extremely tight fitting shirts. As a mercenary transporter, Frank

abides by three rules of transportation: Rule 1: never change the terms of the deal, Rule 2: never exchange names, and Rule 3: never look at what's inside the package. Played opposite Frank (Statham), is Lai (Shu Qi) in her second appearance in front of an American audience (So Close, 2002).

Up to this point Frank's rules have worked perfectly, until he picks up and opens what amounts to a major plot twist with little explanation. Inside the package is, Lai (Shu Qi), the screaming daughter of Mr. Kwai (Ric Young), who has been kidnapped and slated for

death because of her efforts to stop her father's illegal smuggling operation. Of course this is completely implied, and although we learn later of Mr. Kwai's illegal business, we are never told where his "merchandise" is headed. We are given even less information about his background, nationality, etc.

The scene involved Frank opening the duffel bag, cutting a small slit in the duct tape covering Lai's mouth, and then inserting a



Photos courtesy of www.hollywood.com

Question: Which one is Jason Statham? Which one is Vin Diesel?

straw through which she enjoys a refreshing sip of Orangina before being put back into the very same duffel bag. While this scene in no way advances the plot of the movie, it does satisfy the demographic niche that craves any imagery suggestive of hardcore bondage and discipline; that niche for which Louis Leterrier and Corey Yuen (co-directors) were apparently aiming.

The relationship between Frank and Lai is unconventional to say the least. Shortly after Lai is freed from certain death by Frank, she becomes unusually willing to please him, domestically and semi-intellectually. She goes on to clean his house, prepare him a meal, and foil her father's evil plot. Usually I would refrain from

revealing the ending to a movie I review, but I decided that *Transporter* was one movie that did not merit such editorial concern. Although *Transporter's* plot is somewhat lacking, Qi brings a "broken English" innocence to an otherwise stock character.

Ranting And Raving The Final Column

Well you wanted a rant so here you go motherf*****...

Let me just tell you all how f***** sick of this school I am. I was allowed registration today, November 12th, there are freshman that received earlier dates-- I'm a Junior. So what happened then you ask?

All the classes I was planning on were all taken. So in this entirely undiversified school, (don't let them fool you into thinking its not) I am now taking a bunch of classes that are either too boring, too inferior, or I get stuck in a three hour long "continuing-ed" class with the stinky old man from the library (the one who's always at the fifteen minute computers for two or three hours. The guy smells like he took a s*** in his pants a month ago and still hasn't had the friggin' decency to wash himself). And now that we're on that topic, is it so wrong for people to actually bathe? Shower?

I know that Russia is famous for their baths, get the hint and grab a bar of soap, or take a

Canadian shower and apply an inch-thick layer of aqua velvet, you know who you are. This isn't the Victorian era. Oh, and hey you "natural" people with the dreadlocks and you environmental studies majors, please, please, please lay off the patouli. It may be natural but it is highly offensive. It reminds one of the musk of a ferret or some other member of the weasel family. Does too much pot lead to overuse of patouli? Could UVM do one of those stupid studies about that?

In the new issue of *The Cynic* they ask a bunch of these yahoos about their dreads. "Yeah, I love bugs, especially in my hair, the patouli, it attracts them, its so natural..." Another student, "Yeah mon Bob Marley dude, pffsssst (takes hit off joint) fight de oppression of de white mon, grow de dreads, offend..."

On an entirely different subject. I know why that kid (I hope you're reading this) robbed that student. It's because the tuition here is so f***** high that he needed a little cash for some food. Why else do people rob? For the thrill? Maybe. More possibly because they need money, maybe for some weed mon, or another hit off the crack pipe, just one more hit...

Last issue to be addressed-- Those lame ass mother f***** socialists. Get a f***** clue you sub-human filth. Like you'd enjoy living in a socialist society. This freakin' trend went out a while ago.

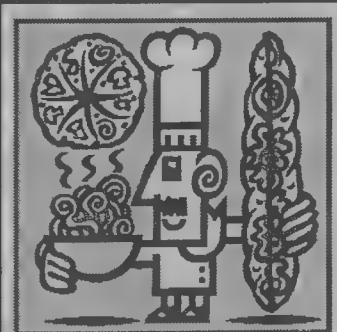
What would you do if your parents didn't make enough money in a capitalist country. Answer: You wouldn't have been able to come to this highly overpriced school. You people make me so sick I want to vomit blood. If you really want to make a friggin difference go volunteer in a leper colony and help people that really need help.



Kristen Rigney/VC Staff

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The Stars Do Not Lie

Weekly Horoscopes

The Stars Do Not Lie

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Understand this: You may not be likeable, and you may not be attractive...but I am! This will be a bad week for you. Picture this: You come back to your room to find your roommate discussing the merits of pre-marital sex! Oops, I meant to say they're having pre-marital sex on your bed. Only one problem: He's the only one on your bed.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You still think you're going to fail that Astronomy class huh? Guess what? You already have! Looks like the Stars are at it again! I didn't even mean to do that, but it worked so well! I think you should concentrate on your shining personality. Ah ha ha ha! Again! Ooohhhh!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

If you thought you had a problem with last week's cartoon, check out this week's. Now check out your reflection in the mirror. Now be disappointed. Now cry. Amber always cried... a lot.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

"I like my partners like I like my meat. Rare, and tender." This is not the best pick up line to use when seeking, what we in the industry call, pirate treasure. Try something that will make your partner more interested in "you". How about: "I like my partners like I like my sloppy joes. Delicious, with the consistency of pleasure...and a little pain!"

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

My name is Leo. This might seem weird, but I have a crush on you. Yes, you. I saw you standing by

the fruit stand at the Marche at 4:13 pm last Thursday, and I was wondering if I you want to eat a meal, or just walk all over me again!?! (crying)

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Hey Freshman, I might be a Senior but the ocean's waves act according to the moon's pull? You know? Pull of the Moon? Okay, okay! I'm off you. I'm off. Sorry. No! Please don't leave!

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Low rider jeans are the "in" fashion these days, crackhead. My predictions for the spring fashion season:

- 1) Flesh tuxedo's will come back into fashion.
- 2) Hot pants, hot pants, hot pants...will make a comeback at UVM, only to suffer a serious decline after many people notice the carple structure of a particular desert-based quadraped.
- 3) Obeying the law will come back into fashion...

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

I'm hungry, she said. So I told her to eat up! Yeah! (high five) Told her to eat the whole thing! (more high fives) Lick it up all clean! (even more high fives) I make the best lasagna! (uncontrollable high fives)

(get it?)

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

What happens when you take one part funny, two parts butter, and one part funk? I do not know, but here's a joke:

What do you get when you cross a human being with the instincts of a jackal?

An idea for a movie that transcends human thought, emotion, and experience.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Ask her if she'll put a capri on your corn! After all, she is a NR major.

Aquarius

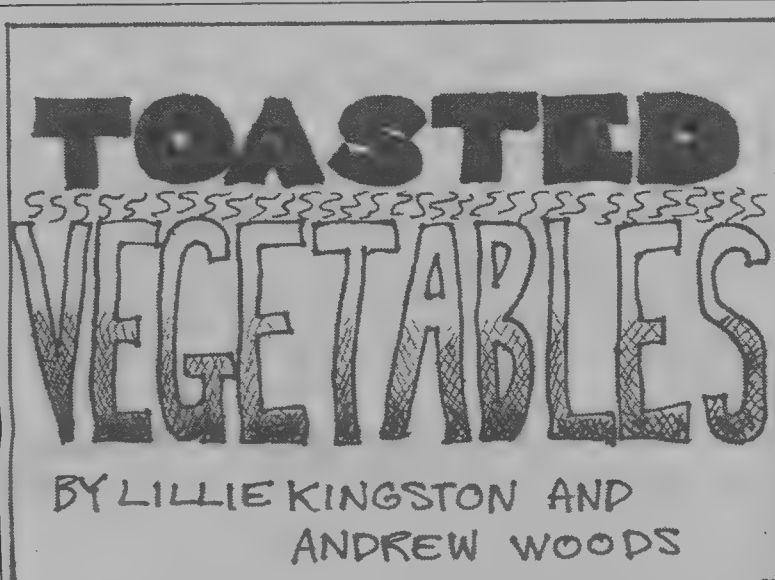
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

I can understand three times, but four times? Now more talk about me. So I'm seeing this guy, but I'm not sure if I like him? Yeah, we did have sex seventeen times, but I'm still not sure. Oh, I'm so confused! Do I like him, or don't I!? My life!

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

You're a ball of testosterone rolling down a hill into a puddle of estrogen. Splash! Love. Then you wake up, and all of a sudden its a felony conviction and 2 years upstate. Since its two years in the pen, I thought a light hearted story might cheer you up:



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WEDNESDAY:

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — **LECTURE:** "The Production of Knowledge" David Scrase, Professor of German and Director of Holocaust Studies. Marsh Lounge, Billings Student Center. Reception in Great Hall and Apse, Billings. Information: mailto:spochop@zoo.uvm.edu or call 656-3166.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — **WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** Vs. Dartmouth. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — **CONCERT:** "Mendelssohn String Quartet." Tickets: \$25/\$5 students with ID at door. UVM Recital Hall, Music Building, Redstone Campus.

THURSDAY:

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — **PLAY:** "The Crucible," Arthur Miller. Tickets \$8. Royall Tyler Stage. Information: 656-2094.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. — **COF-**

FEEHOUSE: Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, OPEN MIC NIGHT, Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center Commons Building.

Information: 656-4200, mailto:awarring@zoo.uvm.edu, <http://www.uvm.edu/~llcenter>

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4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — **SWIMMING:** Northeastern Invitational. Boston, MA.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Vs. Eastern Michigan. Marist Pepsi Classic. Poughkeepsie, NY.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Vs. Yale. Banknorth Classic. Patrick Gym. Burlington, VT.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — **MEN'S HOCKEY:** Vs.

Princeton. Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT.

SATURDAY:

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — **SWIMMING:** Northeastern Invitational. Boston, MA. let-ics.com.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. —

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Banknorth Classic Consolation Game. Patrick Gym. Burlington, VT.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Marist Pepsi Classic Consolation Game. Poughkeepsie, NY.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Banknorth Classic Championship Game. Patrick Gym. Burlington, VT.

SUNDAY: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — **SWIMMING:** Vs. Dartmouth. Hanover, NH Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>. 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — **PLAY:** "The Crucible," Arthur Miller. Tickets \$8 to \$14. Royall Tyler Stage.

MONDAY:

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — **CROSS COUNTRY:** NCAA

Championships. Terre Haute, IN. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

TUESDAY:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Vs. Dartmouth. Patrick Gym. Burlington, VT. Information:

<http://www.uvmathletics.com>. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — **MEN'S HOCKEY:** Vs. UMass.

Gutterson Fieldhouse. Burlington, VT. Information: <http://www.uvmathletics.com>.

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Great Goal Tending Key in Cats' First League Win



Meghan Capoozi/VC Staff

Brady Leisenring crashes the net hoping for the Cornell goalie to give up a rebound.

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Other goal-scorers for the Big Red were Jeremy Downs, Greg Hornby, Sam Paolini and Cam Abbott.

Vermont coach Mike Gilligan was able to stay relatively positive after the game, saying "Strategically things are going pretty well for us but we gave them a bunch of unnecessary opportunities."

Cornell took 42 shots in the game to Vermont's 13. Cornell goalie David LeNeveu recorded the shutout for the Big Red, Russell had 8 saves for the Cats and Hanson stopped 26 in the 45 minutes he played.

Vermont senior captain Thomas Hajek was already looking ahead to the game with Colgate after Friday night's loss. "It seems we're just collectively missing assignments," he said, "We can come out on Saturday, get a big W then have good practices all week."

Foresight in a dangerous thing; the Catamounts were a different team on Saturday night. With senior goaltender Shawn Conschafter between the pipes

the Cats were able to blank the Colgate Raiders for most of the game.

Spencer Morton, a freshman walk-on from Stowe, VT, in his first Collegiate start at right wing, came out firing early in the game and got his first goal of the season, and the first goal of the game at 8:54 in the first. Morton was assisted by Ryan Miller and Phil Youngclaus.

Coach Gilligan was very pleased with Morton's performance tonight, highlighting the goal early in the game. "Spencer was fabulous tonight. He made some big, big plays. It was a very mature move going to the net like that."

Eight minutes after the Morton's goal, a Thomas Hajek obstruction penalty put the cats shorthanded. While on the penalty kill, Jeff Miles, capitalizing on a poor defensive play by Colgate and hard work by captain John Longo, skated the puck in and put a wrister over the left shoulder of Colgate netminder David Cann.

No goals were scored in the second period, thanks in part to quite a few brilliant saves by

Conschafter. It looked like Conschafter might even have a shutout until 8 minutes left in the third when Kyle Doyle was able to bang home a rebound shot for Colgate after a slapper from the point by Brad D'Arco while the Raiders were on a power play.

With Vermont up 2-1, in the last minute of play Colgate pulled their goalie to try to score, but Vermont was able to work the puck out of the zone and Miles put in an empty-net shot off of a pass from Brady Leisenring to make the final count 3-1.

Conschafter had 28 saves for Vermont, while Cann had 15 for Colgate.

After the game Miles seemed pleased with his team's performance, saying, "We told ourselves we're not coming away tonight with anything less than a win."

This weekend was the beginning of seven home-games in a row for the Cats. They will take on Princeton and Yale next weekend on Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm on both nights.

Barry Named 2003 Preseason All-American

Senior Jeff Barry of the University of Vermont has been named to the 2003 Preseason All-America Team by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

A second team selection, Barry was one of three New England players on the top three teams and one of two America East players named to squad.

"This is another well deserved award for Jeff," comment UVM head coach Bill Currier. "He works very hard to be honored along with players from the nation's traditional powers."

Barry, who heads into the 2003 campaign as Vermont's career leader in batting average (.370), is coming off one of the most decorated seasons ever for a Catamount baseball player. In

2002, he was named UVM's first-ever America East Player of the Year and was a first team selection to the America East all-conference team, the all-New England team, the all-ECAC team and the ABCA Northeast all-Region team.

In leading the Catamounts (27-22 in 2002) to a program-best second place finish in the America East, Barry was the conference batting champion at .401 and led the league in stolen bases (a UVM-record 32 in 34 attempts), hits (another UVM record, 71) and triples while ranking among the leaders in seven other offensive categories. Last summer he also was a New England Collegiate Baseball League all-star while playing for the Keene Swamp Bats.

Vermont opens their 2003

season on March 7th at Drexel in the Philadelphia Baseball Classic. Also next spring, the University of Vermont will host the 2003 America Baseball Championship on May 22-24 at Centennial Field.

-Sports Info.

Interested in Sports Journalism? Need something to do on Sunday instead of watching the Giants lose? Call Scott at 656-4413 or come on down to the Billings Basement on Wednesday at 5

Basketball Sneak by AAU All-Stars in Exhibition Play

Taylor Coppenrath led four players in double figures with 34 points as Vermont topped the Upstate AAU All-Stars, 86-79, in a collegiate men's basketball exhibition game at the Patrick Gym on Monday night.

Coppenrath, along with Matt Sheftic, Grant Anderson and Scotty Jones, led a strong inside game for Vermont, who shot 58% from the floor while out-rebounding their foes, 51-32. The four players combined to shoot 34-for-49 (69%) as the Catamounts out-scored the All-Stars, 56-24, in the paint.

In their first game action after red-shirting last year, Sheftic had 15 points (7-for-11 FG's) and a game-high 10 rebounds and Jones added 13 points (6-for-6 FG's) and nine boards. Anderson also tallied 12 points making six of his seven field goal attempts.

Last year's America East Rookie of the Year, Coppenrath (also seven rebounds) scored 15 points in the first half as Vermont jumped out to a 39-35 lead at the break.

In the second half, he had 10 more in a 20-6 run that gave UVM a 70-55 lead with less than eight minutes to play. His last bucket came with 1:24 to go to make it 83-71 before the Upstate AAU hit a pair of late three-pointers for the final margin.

Germain Njila added eight points and eight rebounds while David Hehn (also nine rebounds) and Andre Anderson each had a game-high seven assists for Vermont.

Demetrius Cherry scored 25 points and Rick Mickens tallied 24 for the Upstate AAU who stayed in the game by hitting ten three-point field goals.

Vermont's defense limited them to 39% from the floor while forcing 18 turnovers.

Vermont opens their regular season on Friday, November 22nd taking on Eastern Michigan in the first round of the Pepsi Marist Classic in Poughkeepsie, NY. Their home opener will be Tuesday, November 26th when they host Dartmouth at the Patrick Gym.

-Sports Info.

Women and Men Preranked #1 and #2, Respectively, in Coaches Poll

The University of Vermont men's basketball team was picked to finish second by the America East coaches in the conference's preseason poll.

Two Catamounts, junior guard T.J. Sorrentine and sophomore forward Taylor Coppenrath, were named to the preseason all-conference team. The selections were announced by the conference at America East Men's Basketball Media Day held in Boston today.

The second place selection in the coaches preseason poll is the highest ever for the Catamounts, who have finished ahead or equaled the coaches choice in 10 of the past 11 seasons.

Vermont last season was tabbed fourth in the preseason coaches poll but went on to finish as the regular season co-champion (with Boston U.) while setting a school-record with 21 wins.

They also set a program mark by winning 13 league games and finished in first place for the first time in 46 seasons of conference play.

The University of Vermont women's basketball team has been picked to win the 2003 America East Championship in a vote of the conference's head coaches.

The Catamounts, the defending

America East regular season champions, advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2002 WNIT Postseason Tournament last season.

UVM, 23-9 overall last season and 14-2 in America East, received seven of the possible eight first place votes (coaches were not permitted to vote for their own team) and 63 votes overall. It is the second straight year and third overall that Vermont has been selected as the top team in the preseason poll during head coach Keith Cieplicki's tenure.

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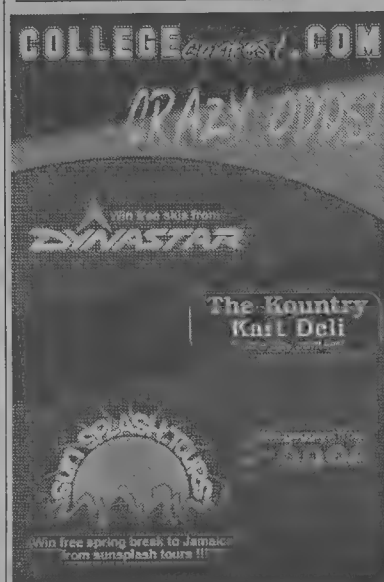


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By BRETT WEIR

I sat in Gutterson on Friday night drenched in white clothing and trying to start a cheer of 'Go Cats Go!'

I then looked at the scoreboard and read it correctly for the first time which led me to the harsh realization that we in fact were not ahead by seven goals. I sat down and picked up a game program hoping to take my mind of the score.

I almost choked on my cold nachos when I read that UVM is trying to raise \$80,000 for a new sound system in Gutterson Arena. \$80,000? \$80,000! Can we just talk about what you can do with \$80,000?

-You can buy 16,482 buffalo chicken wraps.

-You can buy every student, faculty, staff and administrator a ticket to the Expos game and have Olympic Stadium's first sellout.

-You could eat 200,000 Cheddar Jalapeno Cup O' Noodles and live happily ever after.

-You could cover the entire damage bill done on Simpson 3 last year.

-You could wash your clothes 32,000 times or pay the kid down your hall to do it for you until you are 34.

-You could buy half of a 2003 Porsche Custom Boxster.

-You could buy two box seats at the Red Sox, two Fenway Franks and two souvenir cups but still have to ask the guy next to you for his change because you will be 78 cents short.

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-You could buy 16,161 packages of socks (because the middle dryer in Simpson eats them).

-You could get Joey McIntyre to play a concert at your next birthday party and Winona Ryder to come and steal your presents for free.

-You could buy Frank Thomas.

-You could buy the television rights to the 2004 WNBA Finals (ESPN will sell you the 2003 Finals for half of what they paid for it too).

-You could buy 7,272 Steve Young Hallmark ornaments for your Christmas tree.

-You could pay 93 copy editors to copy edit the Cynic.

-You could buy 20 pairs of end zone tickets to the 2003 Super Bowl in San Diego or you could fly back and forth from Manchester, NH to San Diego 425 and a half times.

-You could spend it very wisely and buy 1,400 nineteenth century Tibetan Flint Pouches from Sothbeys.com

-You could team up with N'Sync's Lance Bass and make sure he actually gets to the moon, and then leave him there.

-You could give the every member of the UVM housekeeping staff a week of paid vacation for the next four years.

-You could give all 523 full time faculty members a \$160 pay raise for the year.

-You could bring back both the Volleyball team and Men's Track program into full force.

-You could give three out-of-state students full academic scholarships to UVM.

Now who wants a new sound system?

Palmer Finishes Just Short of Clinching AE Championship



Photo Courtesy of Sports Info
Michelle Palmer has led the pack for nearly all of this season

CROSS COUNTRY

University of Vermont junior Michele Palmer was Vermont's top runner at the NCAA Northeast Qualifier as of Saturday afternoon.

The race was held at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, New York and was one of the most difficult courses of the season.

Palmer completed the 6K course in a time of 21:27.0 and was the second runner from an America East school across the finish line.

Stony Brook's Jennifer Payne, the America East Champion, finished ahead of Palmer, posting a time of 21:04.8.

The Catamounts placed 13th overall out of 36 teams in the women's competition. Junior Tee Gingras and sophomore Alexandra Hill placed among the top 100 runners.

Gingras finished 74th with a time of 23:00.3, while Hill was clocked at 23:12.2, good for 83rd place.

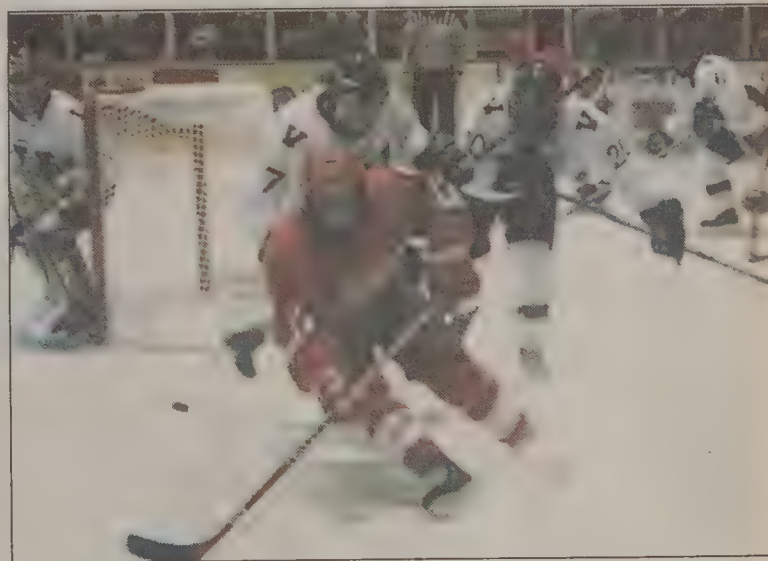
On the men's side, senior captain Chris Van Cott continued his strong season. He led the Vermont men to a 25th place finish out of 33 teams. Van Cott placed 83rd, covering the 10K course in a time of 33:15.5.

RESULTS:

UVM Runners: 13. Michele Palmer 21:27.0; 74. Tee Gingras 23:00.2; 83. Alexandra Hill 23:12.2; 106. Katy Jackson 23:35.7; 182. Caroline Zeilenga 24:51.6; 214. Kirsten Lanpher 25:46.3; 215. Jen Plourde 25:46.9. UVM Runners: 93. Chris Van Cott 33:15.5; 127. Kent Taylor 34:10.8; 136. Lee Stanton 34:22.5; 162. Nick Methot 35:09.4; 183. Justin Kenny 35:51.7; 194. Kyle Barry 36:20.3; 195. Stephen Rizner 36:24.3

-Sports Info.

Men Split Conference



Meghan Capoozi/VC Staff

UVM defenders spent most of Friday night chasing the Cornell offense around.

League Leading Scorer Miles Nets Two

MEN'S HOCKEY

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Writer

The UVM Men's Hockey team won one and lost one this weekend in ECAC action. UVM dropped an 8-0 decision to unbeaten Cornell and defeated Colgate 3-1, to improve to 1-3-0 in league play and 3-5-2 overall.

The Cats' Friday night game was a bit disheartening. The Cornell Big Red, ranked third in the league, got three goals on their first four shots and ended up putting in two more by 14:18 into the

first period, making 5-0 after one.

Freshman goaltender Travis Russell had started the game for Vermont but was replaced by Matt Hanson after the fifth goal. Hanson was able to finish off the period without allowing a goal; but early in the second period, Cornell senior Matt McRae was able to put one in, tallying his first goal of the season.

Three other Cornell players got their first goals this season as well, including Mark McRae, Stephen Baby, and Daniel Pegoraro.

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Soccer Title Hopes End at Hands of Northeastern

Second Seeded Northeastern Takes America East Championship

MEN'S SOCCER

Atha Kirkopoulos' goal with three minutes to play gave Northeastern a 2-1 win over Vermont to capture the 2002 America East Men's Soccer Championship at Parsons Field. It was the first title for the top-seeded Huskies, who will advance to the 2002 NCAA College Cup.

The Catamounts were denied the their fourth championship in making their second trip to the finals in three seasons and their fifth overall. Vermont, picked seventh in the preseason coaches poll, close the season at 11-7-1, a huge improvement over a year ago when they went 4-9-2.

"Our guys played real hard, especially our seniors, but it wasn't our best day today," commented Vermont Coach Roy Patton. "We had a lot of possession but just couldn't get that extra break."

In the 87th minute, Kirkopoulos, the America East Offensive Player of the Year, gathered a pass from Michael Cipriano, drew goalkeeper Ryan Corry (four saves) from the crease and scored his ninth goal of the season. Kirkopoulos also earned the tournament Most Outstanding Player Award.

Mike Samer and Tony Anderson had early chances to get the Catamounts on the board but Northeastern opened the scoring

in the 27th minute as Joe Parrish nodded home an Kirkopoulos' corner kick.

After the break, Matt Chavez evened the score with his second goal of the season. T.J. Mead's through-ball beat the Huskies off-side trap to spring Chavez, who nudged it past Sergio Saccoccio

(two saves).

Vermont senior captains, Adam Wallace, Tim Parisi and Keli Helgason were selected to the all-championship team. The trio, plus Corry and Samer, played their final game for the Catamounts.

-Sports Info.



Evamarie Perron/VC Photo Editor

David Said played some of the best two-way soccer in the league while holding up the backfield for Vermont.



Jeremy Cairns/VC Staff

(L-R) Adam Wallace, Tony Anderson and Ethan Hutchins provided some of the most potent and spectacular offense for the Cats this year.

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Martin Luther King Memorial



Photos by Jeremy Cairns/ VC Staff

Professor Emeritus H. Lawrence McCrorey gave great tribute to the civil rights leader as he spoke both eloquently and passionately when he addressed the UVM community at the commemorative service for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prof. McCrorey implored UVM students to, like past civil-rights leaders, "arm yourself with knowledge and dedicate yourself to change for the better..."

Two students also addressed the audience and both the Cat's Meow and the Catamount Singers sang African-American spirituals.

-CARLY BALDWIN reporting

at left:

President Fogel and wife make appearance at candlelight vigil.

University Begins New Security Policy

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

Students might find it harder to get into their residence halls this semester as new security changes sweep across the campus.

The changes, include making only two doors per residential hall open for entry, have taken effect immediately.

works for the semester are installing prop alarms on all doors now labeled "exit only" throughout campus.

'The new plan has been implemented to limit access to the buildings'

-Kristen Kazmerak,
Assistant Director of
Residential Life

"This will help us monitor propped doors, which will help stop non-affiliates from getting in [the dorms]," said Kazmerak.

The Department is not sure how exactly the prop alarms will

work, because they are waiting for proposals from different contractors, which will determine how exactly the system will be set up.

"They could be something as simple as a quick alarm letting you know something is propped

"The new plan has been implemented to limit access to the buildings, create consistency while identifying complex needs," said Assistant Director of Residential Life Kristen Kazmerak.

Other changes that are in the

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Moneyed Interests To Be Investigated

Cynic Staff Report

Do you ever wonder where your \$21,484 out-of-state tuition goes? Or the \$6,378 you pay for room and board on top of that, how about the \$8.10 for dinner at Simpson's Dining Hall?

Over the course of this semester UVM's budget will be analyzed and broken down, showing how UVM allocates its funds.

How much of your tuition goes toward your professors, how much goes toward administrative costs?

All of UVM's financial and budget information is available to the public, the most informative being the yearly source-book which is available online at UVM's

Financial Analysis and Budgeting homepage, www.uvm.edu/~ofab-web.

UVM's Total Operating Budget for 2003 is \$371 million

up from \$348 million in 2002.

The Total Operating Budget is divided into three sections that will be gone into with greater detail in future installments. The General Fund Revenue Budget that totals \$172 million and is the sum of the tuition, state appropriation, and other income supporting the administrative and academic departments.

The Income/Expense Activities Budget totaling \$81 million is made up of self supporting operations such as the UVM Bookstore, Residence System, etc.

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Team Fogel Addressed Community On Diversity Issues, Looks to Future Plans

By ROBERT WALKER
Cynic News Editor

For the purposes of the affair, the Memorial Lounge had been transformed into a press release room and therein sat 30 or so faculty, students and members of the media.

Two weeks after a University student had firearms drawn on her by university police President Fogel and members of his staff including Police Chief Margolis gathered to provide the community with an explanation, an apology and a plan for the future regarding race relations at the university.

The student has thus far remained anonymous.

President Fogel made clear his intention to bring in an action-team with Andre Barre supposedly to head this team.

Barre's credentials and terms of employment were not made clear. Nor were those of the action-team except that Fogel said, "We're going to concentrate a lot on these police issues."

President made it his focus not to dwell upon the incident itself, but rather to broaden the scope of the investigation and to look into the structure of the entire school and into its policies

of diversification saying, "key to this [racial-well-being] is a more diverse faculty."

Adding, "it has never been acceptable to say 'well, Vermont isn't a very diverse state.'"

He also mentioned that he would act with a 'great sense of urgency' in these matters, making it among his top priorities.

In Fogel's saying "We have to look at the whole climate for undergrads," there is the implication that there are changes to come for the student body as well.

See Fogel Press Conf, Page

Students Take to Streets to Protest Bush's War

(U-WIRE) - STANFORD, Calif. -- In what appears to have been one of the largest protests in recent years on the Stanford University campus, approximately 400 anti-war demonstrators -- countered by a small pro-war contingent -- gathered in White Plaza at noon Thursday to oppose President Bush's plans for a war on Iraq.

After listening to anti-war speeches from faculty, student and community representatives, the majority of the crowd marched to Hoover Tower to protest the

Hoover Institution's role in the war-making process.

"I think the rally was a demonstration of the broad opposition to the current belligerence of the Bush administration," said senior Calvin Miaw, a member of the Stanford Community for Peace and Justice, which organized the event.

"Students from a wide range of campus communities came together to take a political stand on these issues, and they were supported by Stanford faculty

See Students Take Over, Page 5

Nudity Cycles Through Campus



Kristen Rigney/VC Photo Editor

People gathered to watch the semi-annual naked bike ride in celebration of the end of classes last semester.

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The Battle of Who Could Care Less

Never is the extremely high concentration of cool people at UVM so apparent as when one returns to the homeplace.

Yes, the winter break provides, during an extended period of reunion with said home, a needed lull in the hustle and bustle of college life.

Therefore, it allows its attendants a chance to rest their weary bones and an opportunity to restock their empty storage compartments.

In other words, winter recess is a special time for living it up fat and happy-for about a week or two.

But each time one makes the pilgrimage back to the homestead, one enters unwittingly into a different theme party.

Furthermore, the longer one attends college, the less engaging ye ol' homeplace becomes and the more intense does each theme of negativity become.

Why?

The answer lies in a theme party called Indifference.

Much less fun than donning 80's clothes, this theme party entails no element of lighthearted fun and dress, but rather, promotes people totally unconcerned with each other.

Simply, as time marches on, people infrequenting the homestead feel exponentially less inclined to make the effort to see each other.

What lies at the base of this downward spiral?

Surely it is easier to keep emotions at bay whilst keeping one another at a distance even in the brief and sacred periods when everyone is again within the vicinity.

For revisiting feelings is a difficult task

and in absence grows more fungus, to quote the (shudder) Bare Naked Ladies, than fondness.

True, the lack of desire to travel several roads away to see hometown peeps stems also from the general malaise of a past semester's worth of sleep deprivation paired with the food coma into which everyone goes during the gorging epoch that is vacation.

But it is nice to fancy that part of this theme party gone awry is in the genuine friendships one forms at college, friendships to be sorely missed when the pause button that is winter break is engaged.

UVM: wherein one recognizes the superior strengths in the bonds formed while forging close camaraderie at this University of the Green Mountain.

For in university lies a sea of people, yet from the mass there are those people with whom one chooses to surround oneself in contrast with the homestead methodology of merely falling in with keeids vaguely similar to oneself.

Indeed, in general, college friendship is truism.

As for the unions created within UVM, they are unparalleled.

High is the UVMissaries' gravitation toward each other wherein each body can derive immense mutual pleasure in one another's company.

For within the frosted walls of UVM congregate some particularly strong, attractive, spirited and kindly people ready to brave the cold of winter and the freeze of Indifference, the progressive theme of each successive vacation's homecoming parade.

A's & F's

A's

-To the fine people heading the production of long underwear. We don't know who you are nor that you have any affiliation with UVM, but ma'ams and sirs, we likey.

-To the fact that we are always very hard-pressed to generate As. I mean, we're not that cynical. Wait, that's not an 'A'...

F's

-To the Registrar for centralizing classes such that no one has any idea where to go for his/her education. Math in the dairy building? 1+1 does not equal moo.

-To the people who press "Reply to all" instead of "Reply" when sending a response to a particular person within his/her listserve. If individual reply is a difficult concept for you to grasp, it is curious whom you paid off to get admitted into UVM.

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Smokin' Jacket and Hot Pants

To the Editor:

Boy, do I love my cigarettes. Despite all the social pressure from my mom and "the man" (TV) to stop, they still work great at making me look super cool, mature, cynical and interesting. Back home in Jersey, all my friends smoke cigarettes, but since I've arrived at UVM, our ranks seem to be shrinking rapidly. More and more I ask presumably "with it" friends of mine to go out for a smoke, only to hear that they have given it up, and that I should really think about doing the same. If we were all senior citizens, the fear or reality of lung cancer would be a viable explanation for this troubling phenomenon, but that's all a little down the road, isn't it?

And have any of you reformed or non-smokers considered who's telling you not to smoke cigarettes? I know my mom

isn't paying for all those ad-council "no smoking" ads-they're funded by the cigarette companies, forced by the government after all you bleeding heart liberals demanded they become "accountable" for their actions. Well, the only people who truly pay the price are the cigarette consumers, who have to empty their pockets day after day, knowingly paying for the campaign of hate against them, perpetuated by "the man."

C'mon, guys, is life at 60 really so important that you want to sacrifice all the fun you could be having right now? Trust me, I relish in the ability to take the moral high ground in any conversation, but don't you think this whole smoke-free kick is a little tired? I mean, anything that goes so well after sex can't be bad, can it?

Julian Brizzi
Class of 2005

We Are the World...in Part

To the Editor:

I've heard people talking about the diversity here at UVM...do we have any? Does it actually exist? Most people say we don't have enough diversity or any at all, but what is diversity? Is diversity just different ethnic and religious groups? I took a quick look at Webster's and diversity is just the condition of being distinct forms or qualities. Yet I know we aren't satisfied by that definition. We do tend to think diversity has to do with ethnic backgrounds and whatnot, but why do we always specifically point to ethnicity when we talk about diversity?

Colleges are proud of their "diversity." They use this statistic of diversity to compare themselves to other institutions and to be published in school and national publications. It doesn't bother me that they do that, but we do tend to look down on the diversity here at UVM. We, statistically, don't have too much diversity, and some blame this on the state itself, holding the second lowest percentage of minorities in the US. However, I don't like that explanation.

I think that we do in fact have a

much greater diversity than people think. We have a wide range of people who come from different states, countries and family backgrounds. We have people who love music and follow tours endlessly and jocks that power division one sports teams. We have those who wear canvas Carhartts and those who prefer the likeness of J. Crew and Abercrombie.

You may say this isn't the best argument, but I think the simplicity of the idea is what makes it work. It's not like these are particularly great comparisons, but the idea of diversity is that a school of people come from different places and promote different styles and ideas living together as a community.

The diversity issue can be as simple as us, UVM, being unaware that these inherent differences seem to just blend in, that these differences don't paint a picture that diverges far from what diversity really is. But just think-what does the average UVM student look like?

Dom Mattos
Class of 2005

Danke Shane, Darling

To the Editor:

Hello, I would like to place a little thank you note in the Cynic. I want to thank RAs, my staff and co-workers, the whole Department and last of all, the folks in the Living and Learning Complex for all of their support after my house fire.

They endlessly gave to me their hugs,

words of encouragement, well wishes, offers to help and donations of both varied items as well as money.

If I ever felt a sense of UVM community, it is now.

Sincerely,
Mary Palin and Family

Mary Palin
Housekeeping Supervisor

Give and Ye Shall Receive

To the Editor:

Well, it's a new semester and a new year. Did you make a new year's resolution? How about pledging to help someone in need and learning more about yourself?

Volunteers in Action (VIA) is UVM's largest student volunteer service organization, with 15 different opportunities to get involved, ranging from seniors to youth, HIV/AIDS to English as a second language, homelessness to environmental

action.

The spring VIA info session is Wed. Jan. 22, 7 pm in Ira Allen Chapel.

You can also check out www.uvm.edu/~service to learn more.

Please consider giving some of your time to help others this semester. It is not too late to make a valuable new year's resolution.

Andrew Feldman
Assistant Director of Community Service
and VIA Advisor

Ignorance Is Amiss

In facing this impending, seemingly inevitable war with Iraq, it is imperative that we educate and inform ourselves beyond that of television media.

In what I would regard as the "Vietnam" of our generation, it appears—and perhaps is the case—that the voices in opposition of the war are not adequately heard or recognized on Capital Hill.

Despite the current administration's belief that this will be quick, clean war, there also exists a large populace in support of the more irenic approach; one that will offer us, above all, mediation and diplomacy.

Mahatma Gandhi once stated, "Nonviolence requires much more courage than violence..."

Surely, he knew first hand, as it was very much because of Gandhi's hope and peaceful negotiation that he was able to bring forth and unite people in a resurgence of support, and ultimately free India from the control of British Imperialism.

I too have hope for the future; however, we must make it a point to educate ourselves and become active members of our democracy.

For none of our hopes remain mirages if we examine the ancient Greeks—thousands of years older than our civilization, our culture, yet they were just as advanced, if not more so...

The clear-cut thinking of Plato and Aristotle was ages ahead of its time; their government (the working prototype and living manifestation of democracy) worked because people made it work: they voted, participated, acted.

During the Greeks' quests for the pursuit of knowledge, philosophy and education, the Roman Empire repeatedly tried and eventually successfully overthrew the Greeks.

The Greeks did fight—they fought back with all their hearts to preserve and let live their hopes and accomplishments.

Still, the Greek armies were no match for the larger, brute Roman Empires, and so they fell in battle.

But it was not without avail; in retrospect, we continue to pursue the ideals of the Greeks and continually learn from their contributions.

Thus, all was not lost...certainly the Greeks valued culture, education, philosophy more than they did their defense, and as a result, they live to this day.

Similarly, the Czech Republic has survived the reigns of the Roman Empire and through the Nazi and Soviet eras.

The Czechs have long stood at the crossroads of international affairs, but because they have rarely fought back physically as countries have marched through their borders, their towns and cities are among the best-preserved in Europe.

Certainly, pacifism proves itself the more graceful and ultimately benign action in both

these cases.

These ceding nations offer us noble, exemplary actions by which to live: residing testimony to the power of pacifism.

Surely, the paradoxical and proverbial "inaction is often the best action" has much merit here—likened even to Albert Einstein, such that in all of his accomplishment and contributions, he left us with the undying words: "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

Consistently, though, it is both painful and frustrating to see warmongers who insist only one option, have one initiative.

And at that, the asides of the popculture sitcoms and humorous injections amongst Saturday Night Live too often come as a bittersweet truth.

Unfortunately, what tends to reach the general public is what the television media portrays, and this information is bereft in its representation at best.

Therefore, I wish you all to take it upon yourselves to educate yourselves beyond the nightly news.

Listen to the BBC and other broadcasts that report on what the American News does not and will not.

Read the less-sensationalized New York Times a couple days a week.

I wish you all to realize that the nightly television news projections of war in Bosnia, in the Middle East, in India and Pakistan, in Israel and Palestine, only desensitize us to the actuality of the violence and horror of war.

I do not desire to lessen the impact of the World Trade Center or Pearl Harbor attacks, but neither of these compare to the constant battering and atrocities committed in times past and throughout every day.

Yet we look at these images on television and it all just seems like a movie to us—and a video game to kids...we are sheltered, confined, soon to be isolated if the current administration fulfills its intent of "preemptive action."

War should never be the first preference.

We live in truly unique times. Bob Dylan's lyrics, "The times are a-changin'..." ring true to this day; and with the changing times, it is important for us to change also, but not to disregard the past, in part ensuring that we not repeat our mistakes, but, above all, ensuring that we learn from others and from ourselves.

We shape our future together—through actions, through peace, through understanding.

Kevin Lenfest II is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Jailhouse Rocks the Boat

Last semester, on Tuesday nights, I volunteered at a local prison playing volleyball.

Upon arriving at school this semester, I received a letter in my mailbox from Kim Martin-Anderson, the Interim Director for the Department of Residential Life.

After reading this letter, I was struck by the similarities between her five-bullet program and the environment of the prison.

At the prison, access points are limited and alarmed.

Security personnel frequently patrol the hallways and perimeter of the building.

The guards are highly visible and all visitors and staff are required to wear ID badges.

But I am writing today not to discuss my extracurriculars but to express that I was troubled by the letter I received from Ms. Martin-Anderson.

Residential Life's new programs make the dorms feel less like home and more like a prison.

While Ms. Martin-Anderson is implementing these programs, might I suggest installing bars on the first floor windows so no one can break in through them, and metal detectors at the "2 entry/exit doors per residential complex" so no one can enter with a weapon?

These additional measures might further advance residence hall safety.

I am providing this satire to prove a point: the new programs Ms. Martin-Anderson's department is initiating are not creating the "welcoming positive quality of life in our residence halls" that her letter claims.

All aspects of the program are troubling, but I choose to address two in particular.

First is the establishment of "emergency exit-only" doors.

I live in Patterson Hall, and our rear entry door has been labeled "emergency exit-only."

This door provides the main access from Patterson to the parking lots, Slade Hall and South Prospect Street.

The labeling of this door is at best an inconvenience.

However, much worse than that, it is a safety hazard.

Suppose a resident is down South Prospect Street, where a female student was attacked last year.

Instead of being able to escape the potential perpetrator through the door into Patterson, the resident finds that the door no longer opens from the outside.

While running to one of the "two entry/exit doors per residential complex," the resident is violently attacked.

Ms. Martin-Anderson's program may indeed have good intentions of keeping perpetrators out; however, it will not.

What it is doing is keeping those who need to get in, perhaps sometimes desperately, out.

Secondly, the implementation of her programs is troubling.

The letter I received claims

that she made these choices "Based on direct-feedback from students."

Of all the students I talked to, none were contacted by the Department of Residential Life.

May I once again remind the reader of the striking similarity between the implementation here and at the prison?

Residents were not notified about the choices; rather, the choices were made by administrators.

A notice was sent out and meetings were held only after the 'program' was initiated.

Had the department truly valued "direct feedback from students," these meetings would have been held while the 'program' was being considered.

Instead, meetings were held after the fact, telling students about the new 'program' and the punishments if disobeyed.

The implementation of Residential Life's 'program' is

disgraceful.

It is a shame that for their first two years, students at UVM will be held behind locked and alarmed doors, in halls roamed by security personnel.

It is ironic how the gap between two very different institutions, universities and prisons, is being closed.

Residential Life is wrong in implementing this program – it contains many mistakes and virtually no input from the people who matter most – the residents who call the dorms home.

I encourage readers to contact Residential Life to voice their opinions directly.

The department can be reached directly by telephone at 656-3434 and Kim Martin-Anderson's e-mail address is Kim.Martin@uvm.edu.

Romolo Marcucci is a guest columnist and a member of the class of 2005.



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Dread, White and Blue

I recently saw Michael Moore's new movie, "Bowling for Columbine." Moore asks, why is America home to so much more domestic violence (11,000 homicides/year) than any other industrialized country?

Answers vary. Maybe it's America's large amount of gunowners. But although America only has six times more households with handguns than Canada (for instance), we have roughly 1,100 times the number of handgun murders annually. NRA President Charlton Heston said it was because America "had so many different ethnicities." But even Moses wouldn't be so ancient as to believe this racism.

OK, well maybe it's because America has a more violent history than any other country. While this is quite compelling—US historical murders committed directly or through proxy include: several million dead African slaves; one million massacred in the Philippines (1900-03); one million in Vietnam (1961-73); one million in Cambodia (1969-73); 750,000 in Angola (1976-present); 1.5 million in Iraq (1991-present)—this seems not to be the answer, either.

The conclusive answer lies in contemporary geopolitical and economic terms. The United States is home to the greatest income inequality of any industrialized country. The top two percent of the population owns 40% of the nation's wealth. Profits for the 82 largest American corporations increased 362.4% over the past 20 years, while wages decreased by an average of five percent for the vast majority of Americans over the same period.

While profits for US CEOs grew on average 50% per year over the '90s, income levels dropped over this same

period for half of the world's countries, leaving three billion people now living on less than two dollars/day. Perhaps most disgusting are UN estimates that 36 million people die worldwide each year from hunger, though it would require only 1/10 of the US military budget to feed these people!

Such inequalities and deprivations inevitably breed resentment and anger internationally. No wonder the US needs a bigger military than the next 20 countries combined! The words of George Kennan, ex-Cold War strategist for the US government, shed light on the present: "We have 50% of the world's wealth, but only 6.3% of its population. In this situation, our real job in the coming period is to maintain this position of disparity. We should cease thinking about human rights, the raising of living standards and democratization."

America is home to so much violence because it is the King of a global mountain of injustice.

Just as the proliferation of prisons in America will not stop the orgy of homicide, neither will 'regime change' in Iraq stop international violence. The only requirement for global peace is redistribution of the world's wealth, raising the living standards of the majority of people internationally and in America. Only this can rip up war and violence.

To further discuss these ideas and to get involved in the socialist movement, come to the next public meeting of the ISO: "War and Recession," Wednesday, 1/22, 7pm, in Lafayette 100.

Keith Rosenthal is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

Come Together, Right Now-Over Academy

Please-think for a minute about your favorite professors here at UVM. Think how knowledgeable they are, how they go beyond their call of duty and how much they love teaching.

Now imagine those professors not being here. Neither you nor your classmates would have the opportunity to learn from them. A scholar's nightmare, right?

Well, that nightmare might become a reality if we don't decide to help support the faculty union in their mission to have respectable wages and benefits. It's imperative to have a scholarly and well-accomplished faculty, or else our time and money will be wasted here.

These faculty members aren't looking for millions of dollars, here. Some faculty make less than 30k a year. That's inexcusable, especially with some of them having attended Princeton, Harvard and many other outstanding institutions.

These people have families to support and student loans to pay off. It's ridiculous that they would have to compromise the quality of their and their families' lives to continue teaching, a profession into which they have put years of effort and love.

I had high school teachers who make three times as much as some of my professors. Granted, Vermont is not as expensive to live in as Connecticut, but that is no justification for having these established faculty members be on government assistance.

Now, people who don't support the faculty union say that raising teachers' wages will in fact raise our tuition. However, therein likely lies a fallacy-the school delights in raising tuition, so if raising faculty salaries raises tuition, why would UVM not jump at the opportunity? After all, if UVM does not continue to raise tuition, it will soon price

itself out of a competitive market.

I suggest that the university reallocate some of the administrative positions and, therefore, those salaries, and bring them down to the faculty. All of the bureaucracy in the administration does not benefit us, so why should we support the administrative movement to keep the faculty underpaid?

The faculty union, United Academics, is proposing a plan to bring wages up slowly in a multi-year project. This will help to prevent a budget crisis.

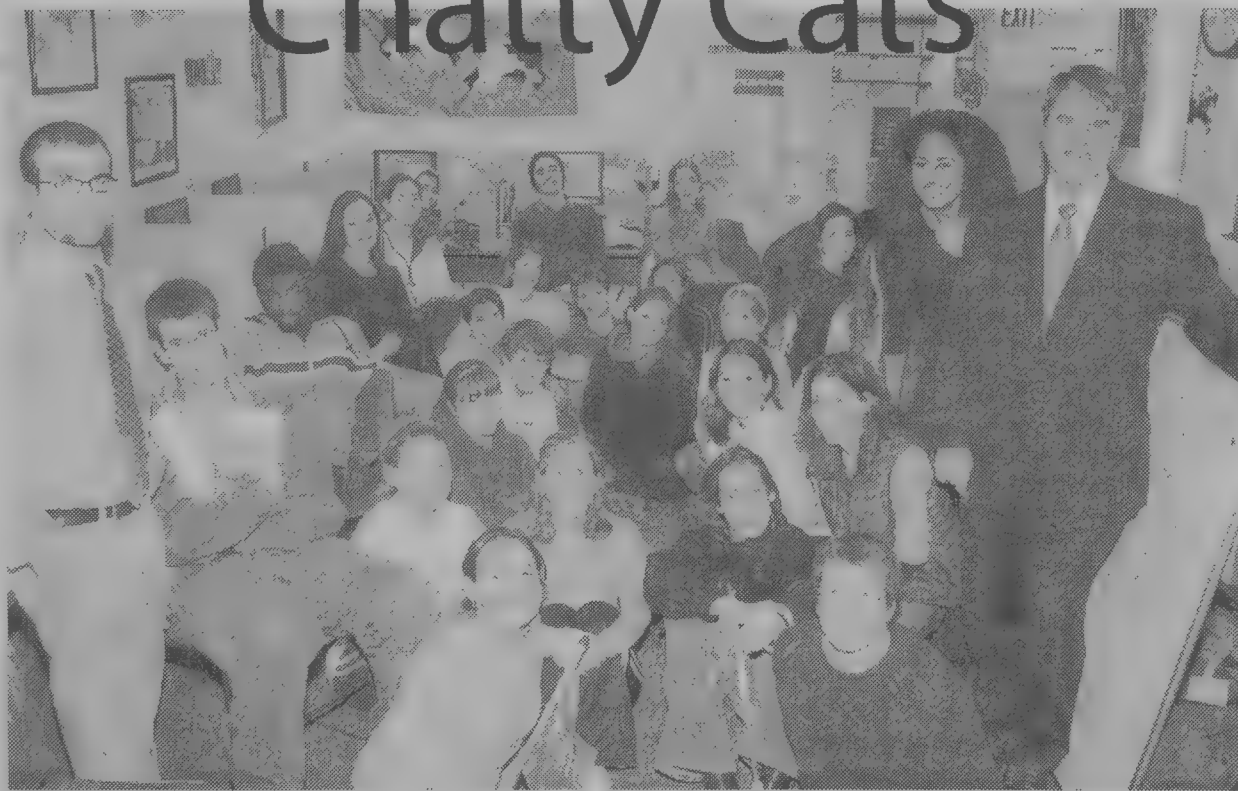
Additionally, raising wages to a reasonable level is imperative in bringing in faculty from all over the world. Nobody wants to teach at a school in which they cannot afford to live off their salaries. Short of raising wages, we as students will miss out on opportunities to learn from some of the best minds in the world.

Furthermore, not supporting the union will also increase our class sizes, something that, surprisingly, Fogel and the administration are in support of. How can we learn in a class of 200 plus people? I know that I cannot, and that's why I chose UVM to begin with-I was drawn to the idea of a state school with classes small enough to promote real contact with our professors. It's time to remind Fogel that this isn't LSU and that UVM shouldn't be turned into it.

Now, don't simply take my word and make a rash judgment. Listen to all sides of the conflict, and be knowledgeable about this important issue facing our university. But bear this in mind-what will you remember 20 years from now? Some of your favorite professors, or the administration they worked for?

Editor-in-chief Kristin Dobbs is a member of the Class of 2005.

A Special "Thanks" to The University of Vermont Chatty Cats



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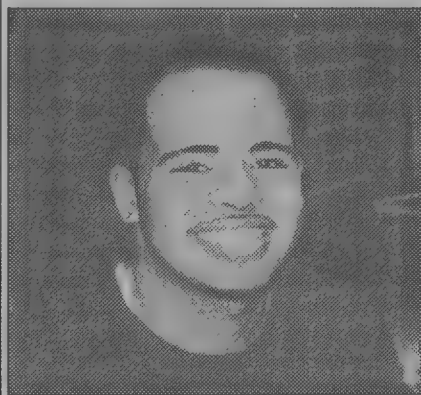
What was your New Years Resolution and have you kept it?



"Clean up my life, dumped my boy friend and organize my shoes."

"Yes, there is no going back now."

Shawna Guillemette, 2006



"To find love and happiness this year."

"Yeah, positively."

Miguel Garcia, 2005



"Stay connected to the earth even through the school year."

"Mmm-hmm."

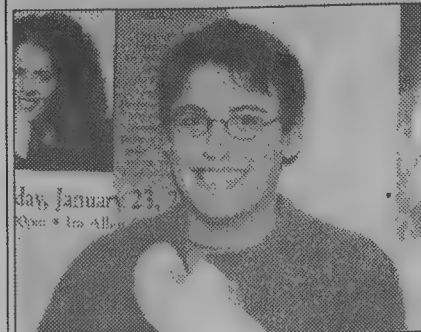
Beth Moore, 2004



"To be more understanding to Yankees because Southerners are superior."

"Maybe."

Grover Francis, 2005



"Not to get into bar fights."

Andy "Jenkhous" Jenkins, 2006

Fogel Talks to Community

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Along with the remarks of Fogel and Margolis, were those made by the people present in the conference room.

Three people from the audience took the floor to tell of their own encounter with racial profiling and discrimination by local authorities, and though the color of skin varied from person to person, the sense of injustice in each of their tales was common to all.

There was a UVM student of middle-eastern descent who had been callously questioned and interrogated at the greyhound bus station by an authority who did not state his name or his agency.

Only this student was asked to procure identification in a room full of would-be passengers.

Professor Leon spoke at length to those present about his experience involving racial profiling, an incident which occurred ten years ago wherein he was asked by a police officer for identification and a statement of purpose while he loaded groceries into his car.

The officer would not give Leon a reason for the inquisition.

As much as it is culturally gainful to diversify student body and faculty alike, the plethora of cases brought to bear that afternoon involving police overstepping their bounds, according to the victims, would suggest that the nexus of the problem lies therein.

Budgetary Concerns

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The Current Restricted Fund Budget which totals \$118 million is made up of grants, gifts, and endowments.

59 percent of the General Fund Revenue Budget's \$172 million comes from net tuition with 41 percent coming from out-of-state tuition and 8 percent coming from in-state tuition.

In 2002 net tuition and fees

made up 35.3 percent of UVM's revenue, state appropriation made up 9.7 percent, \$35,058,595 to name a few sources of revenue.

In weeks to come your tuition will be broken down dollar by dollar to show by percentages where your tuition goes, you maybe surprised by the numbers. The specific budgets of Dining Services and the Residence System will also be analyzed.

New Security Measures To Be Implemented

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or something as intricate as needing a key to turn off the alarm," said Kazmerak.

Other plans in the works are utilizing the Catcard swipe system for entry and exit into the building, a security guard for campuses, along with other plans.

These, like the prop alarms, are subject to proposals from contractors.

The new security plan, according to Kazmerak and others in the department, has been a long time coming.

"It's been a gradual plan," said Kazmerak.

"But after the events of last semester, and even after the increase in security in the past few years, this plan needed to be brought to the next phase.

"We couldn't wait. We didn't want this activity on campus to turn into something even worse, like a mortality."

Complex Coordinator AnnMarie Peavey believes it not just either the coming of the plan

or the events of this past semester that has led to the new changes.

"Naturally, living in a post 9/11 culture, we need to be more secure," said Peavey.

"We had some pretty intensified situations on campus last semester, and I think something needed to be done."

"We're a little behind the times."

One R.A. feels that we are very far behind all other schools in security, and even the measures we are putting in

barely bring us up to their level.

Others feel that these measures are a good idea.

"As an RA perspective I feel that the new security measures are needed," said

Keith Upton, an Resident Assistant in Jeanne Mance.

"With the current influx of break-ins and crime-related incidents with in the residents halls something needed to be done.

"If you look at surrounding colleges and universities this protocol is already instituted.

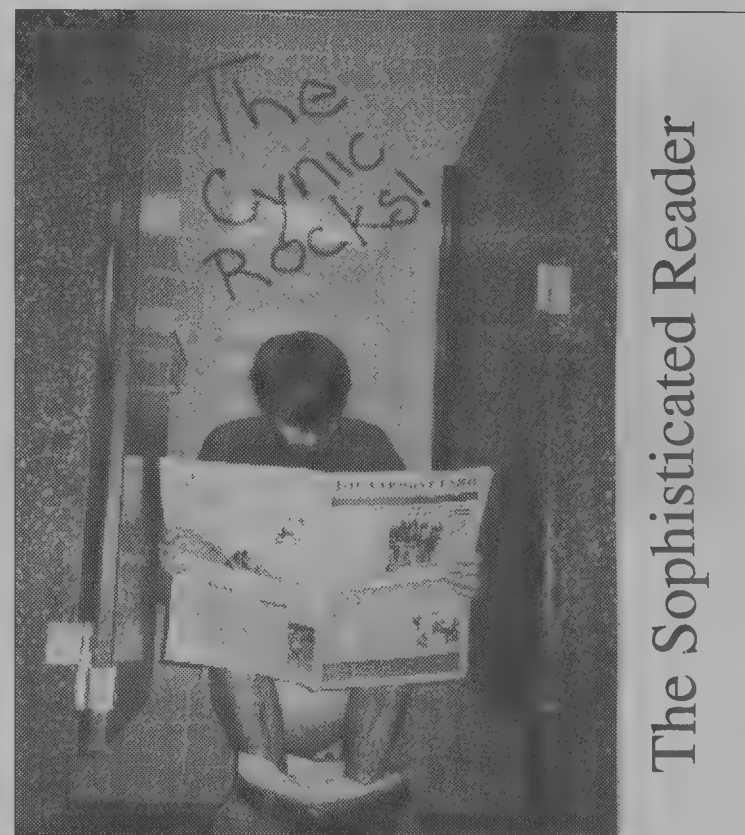
"Whenever I visit a friend at Umass Amherst, or Springfield College they require to see an ID and for me to be signed in.

"There are also only 2 points of entry/exit besides emergency exits.

"For the most part, you only have to walk an extra 50 feet or so.

"I don't think it will be the end of the world. I think this will add to our safety within our residence halls as a whole when the plan is fully instituted and followed by all students."

Another R.A., sophomore Kat Coughlan, agrees that the changes will be positive overall.



The Sophisticated Reader

Gorman Picked Up By Times

Science reporter James Gorman relates his experiences tramping through the Maine woods with Bernd Heinrich, University of Vermont professor of biology, in a feature article published in the Jan. 7 issue of the New York Times.

The article coincides with Heinrich's latest book, "Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal

Survival," which hits bookstores nationwide today.

"Winter World" was inspired by the UVM course in winter ecology that Heinrich teaches every winter near Mount Blue State Park in Maine.

This year's course wrapped up on Jan. 4.

"I'm interested in how animals solve problems," notes Heinrich about "Winter World," which chronicles how a variety of animals, large and small, survive the challenges of Northeastern winters.

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Adam Deyo, graduate student, starts off on the right foot by donating blood on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

UVM Poet Recognized

Leaving Saturn," the first collection of poetry by Major Jackson, assistant professor of English at the University of Vermont, has been nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award.

In a July 2002 review in the Boston Globe, "Leaving Saturn" was described by critic David Mills as "an homage to the inner-city ugly ducking, which, through Jackson's humanistic powers, is transformed into a swan."

Jackson's poems speak of his passions — music, urban life, the power and beauty of language, and the struggle, dignity and brilliance of African Americans.

The book's title alludes to avant garde jazz great Sun Ra.

Jackson, who joined UVM in 2002, said he was "stunned" at hearing of his nomination for the prestigious award.

"I feel like a bonsai in a forest of redwood," he said.

"I am simply happy to be named and associated with my heroes, the other nominees.

They are all fantastic, master-

ful writers of verse. This is the honor for me."

As reported by the Associated Press on Jan. 14, Jackson's fellow finalists in the poetry category are B. H. Fairchild, Harryette Mullen, Sharon Olds and Adam Zagajewski.

An alumnus of Temple University and the University of Oregon, Jackson's honors include the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Stanley P. Young Fellow in Poetry, 2002; Louisiana Division of the Arts Artist Fellowship, 2002; a Pushcart Prize nomination, 2001; and a Pew Fellowship in the Arts.

His work has appeared in several periodicals, including the New Yorker, Philadelphia Inquirer and American Poetry Review.

"Leaving Saturn" was published last year by the University of Georgia Press.

Jackson will attend the ceremony when the winners of the National Book Critics Circle Awards are announced Feb. 26 at the New School in Manhattan.

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Students Gather to Protest War with Iraq at Stanford, Opposition Held Pro-War Gathering

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and people from around the Bay Area. Our goal as organizers was to bring together diverse critical perspectives on U.S. foreign policy."

Around 30 students and community members took part in a simultaneous pro-war counter-demonstration organized by the Stanford College Republicans. After picketing at the fringes of the main protest in White Plaza, they formed a defensive line on the steps of Hoover Tower in front of the anti-war crowd, waving American flags and chanting pro-Bush slogans.

In White Plaza, speakers presented on subjects ranging from U.S. involvement with Saddam Hussein in the 1980s under the Reagan administration to probable economic motivations for war within current the Bush administration to possible environmental-justice repercussions of an invasion.

Thursday, among the standard protest fare -- banners, flags, posters, chants, bongo drums and the occasional sharp exchange between persons of differing opinions -- some participants used unconventional methods to express themselves.

During the speeches, senior Wes Hermann, covered in red paint to symbolize "smart bomb juice," protested a possible invasion by lying on the ground as "a casualty of war" in the middle of the crowd, next to a highway sign that read: "Your tax dollars at work."

"A considerable amount of my tax dollars are being used towards the death of human beings instead of valuable social

programs -- which is especially ridiculous given that there is no credible threat from Saddam Hussein and that our own CIA says that the risk of terrorist attacks is greater if we invade Iraq," Hermann said.

Along with the Stanford Community for Peace and Justice, representatives from a wide range of groups -- including the Asian American Students Association, Students for Environmental Action at

Stanford, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, Resistance Art and Social Protest, the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center, Stanford Labor Action Coalition, the Young Communist League

and the Pilipino American Students Union -- spoke out against a possible war.

History Prof. Joel Beinin and Religious Studies Prof. Thomas Sheehan spoke at the protest.

"Key policy advisers around Bush -- [Dick] Cheney, [Donald] Rumsfeld, [Paul] Wolfowitz . . . and others -- have been plotting to remove Saddam Hussein from power since 1996," Beinin said. "They believed that 9/11 gave them the opportunity to convince the U.S. people that the war was necessary. They have no credible evidence to go to war, and they certainly have no credible evidence that Iraq had played a role in 9/11. But they're demagogically playing on the fear of the U.S. people to go to war."

"Why are they doing this? They're making a statement [that] we're the empire, [and] if you don't go along with us, you're dead. There is no real military challenge to invading Iraq and occupying the country."

"To the best of my knowledge, a large number of the members of the Defense Policy Board -- the advisory board to the Defense Department -- are members of the Hoover Institute. The Board, after 9/11, met on Sept. 19-20 and decided to make plans for attacking Iraq."

Pro-war demonstrators stressed the moral imperative of the Bush administration's foreign policies.

"The rally was a show of support for America, because we believe that goodness and liberty are greater virtues than peace," senior Joe Lonsdale said. "The weak will appease evil, and the strong will stand up to evil."

Stanford College Republican Communications Director Bob Sensenbrenner, who helped organize the pro-war rally, agreed.

"We support the liberation of Iraq because we want freedom throughout the world," he said. "Unlike many un-democratic states, Israel is a free nation. Furthermore, Prof. Beinin has been known to say many anti-Israeli . . . remarks. And we don't want this forum to turn into an anti-Israeli rally."

While holding an Israeli flag, Sensenbrenner concluded, "I support freedom throughout the world."

Although these students support Bush's policies, others are continuing to speak out against them.

"Hopefully, more people in the community will realize how important it is to show their discontent with some of this country's policies," junior Leigh Torrence said. "There is going to be a pro-affirmative action rally next Wednesday, at the same time and place as today's protest, because there has also been a backlash against minorities [from the Bush administration]."

Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Sir Vincent Diesel,

The world as we know it is one without the distinguishable blacks and whites that have come to characterize your roles in such critically acclaimed movies as *The Knock Around Guys*, *Gone in 60 Seconds*, and the incomparable *xXx*.

Your movies have provided the bastion we modern viewers crave. A world where justice rules, where a man need only trust his woman and his instincts and rest easy with the knowledge that things will work out.

As I sit in my studio apartment with the lights off and the heat up, I laugh to myself at those people who said that a 34 year old unemployed writer couldn't start the largest Vin Diesel fan club in history. Fools! Every single one of them! Don't worry about them Vin, our success will silence them.

As an aspiring actor, I must admit your performances have set the example for effective, believable acting that will one day launch my own acting career into the outer space of acting success.

For example, in *xXx* staring Vin Diesel, you have not only managed to capture the working class sensibility that has been noticeably absent in other action movies like... well, the entire James Bond series (or should I say failure series! Ha! See Vin, I'm funny too!), but you also eloquently engineered a softer side to Xander Cage; one that isn't afraid to live 'above the law', yet at the same time utilizes a 'rowdy yet sarcastic' humor that makes you far more accessible to the average age viewer.

When I say average age I probably mean somewhere around fourteen years old. I should have also mentioned many of these average age viewers, happen to be

female. I should have also mentioned that their incessant high pitched screams in the second to last row of the movie theatre almost ruined *xXx* for this viewer.

I can now see, through the court ordered therapy I attend every Wednesday and Saturday, that punching the backs of their heads was wrong. It was also wrong to find their personal information, stalk them and then prank call them at the ungodly hour of 4 AM every single night for three months straight. They tried to ruin

the movie for me, but luckily your performance transcended their mockery. Can you believe they see you as nothing more than a pretty face?

I imagine they see you as an accidental public figure with no real talent for acting. They don't understand you Vincent. I do. I wrote a couple of screenplays we should look

over together.

I don't want to brag Vin, but they're genius. We should meet somewhere and look over some of my ideas at my apartment. I know you'll love them. So when you're ready, just send me a signal. I'll know it when I see it.

I have to go back to monitoring the fan forum I created on my Vin Diesel website, www.weshouldbetogetheryouandmeVinI'mseriousaboutthisdeadserious.com, but I'll be eagerly awaiting your signal.

The only one that understands you,

Nicholas Green

P.S. Even if you don't want to read my screenplays, we can still hang out. Okay, back to my fansite.

Next Weeks Letter:

Ice-T

Nicholas Green is a 34 year old unemployed divorcee. He lives and works in and around the Burlington Area. Although many area residents may have never consider open letters to celebrities as a valid medium of expression, Nicholas Green disagrees. In fact he considers open letters to celebs one of highest forms of expression.

Abstinence on the rise at UVM?

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

With the beginning of a new semester brings yet another uneasy problem to the forefront of our lives here at UVM: promiscuity and its effects on college age students. Growing immorality, STDs on the rise, the decay of the modern nuclear family; although these signs are hard to ignore, it is the personal stories from UVM students regarding this epidemic I found most disturbing:

Hamish, 18, could pass for a street-smart 28. He started thinking seriously about abstinence five years ago, when a national outreach program began teaching classes at his church. The classes reinforced what he already knew from growing up in rural Wisconsin—that discipline is the key to getting through your teen years alive. Earlier this year he dated a 21-year-old assistant appliance sales-

woman from his neighborhood, until Hamish heard that she was hoping she'd have sex with him. "We decided that we should just be friends," he explained, "before she cheated on me or worse...diseased me."

Jessica, 19, had had problems with sexuality her whole life until she decided to choose abstinence, the intelligent decision. "I was always being approached by men to have sex and I was like, 'Yeah, let's do this.' I realized something though," Jessica explained while extinguishing a mid-morning cigarette, "I realized that to be myself, I just have to be myself. You know what I mean? That's why I chose abstinence."

Donalde, 27, had encountered the same problems as most teens have dealing with sex. He could never find the right woman, or even someone he could trust. It seemed like pre-marital sex held far more problems than Donalde was willing to deal with: "Look, I told you I'm not a virgin. Now drop it. No, look. There was this

girl this summer, and... I don't have to explain this to you. Now could you please leave my room"

It was just like a well respected professor had once told me about non-virgins, that "...they live in a world of shadows. Their sex crazed minds can't handle non-sex stimuli. They might be thinking about sex one minute, while you're talking about how you were dating a 21 year old assistant appliance saleswoman, then all of a sudden... BAM! Their sexed



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Jerry and Steve knew they wanted to wait until marriage. They both agreed it was the right decision, then they enjoyed a refreshing beverage.

infected mind snaps, goes into berserker mode looking for any sex it can find. Can't trust 'em when they're like that...anything could happen...anything. That's why abstinence is best."

If UVM wasn't going to combat the problem of promiscuity, then I was. I decided to start UVM's first abstinence club. I originally decided on the acronym N.I.M.B.Y., but was forced to change the name after a different organization, fighting a lesser cause, claimed trademark infringement. I finally decided to call my club, Students for Mature Undergraduate Tough-love.

I began my club with a press conference announcing our formation and our positive "Let's Not Eve" message. Surrounded by small mountains of abstinence pamphlets, abstinence sweat suits, foam number '1' hands that said: "I'm #1 because I don't sleep around! YOU HEAR ME! I DON'T SLEEP AROUND!", I approached the abstinence podium built by one of our members.

Unaccustomed to dealing with the press I was quickly tricked into saying, "virgins are awful".

The sound bite was played over and over again on local news channels and radio stations. What they failed to mention in their coverage was that I was responding to a question posed by a junior reporter. The question was hypothetical, something about celebrated actor Burt "Seat-of-the-pants Humor" Reynolds, so abstract even Ari Fleischer would have responded by saying, "virgins are awful" (I learned later it was cus-

tomary to not respond to hypothetical questions during any type of interview).

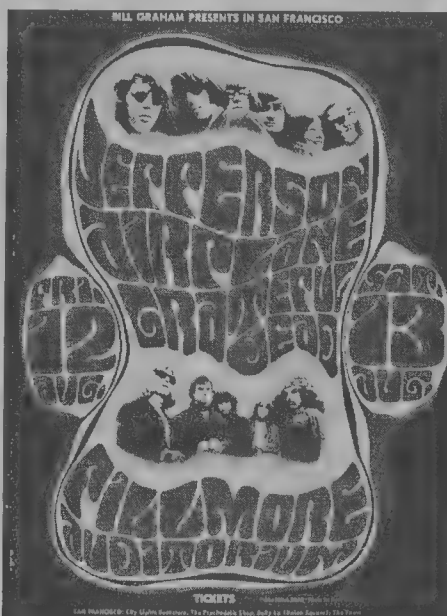
That same reporter then followed up her hypothetical question by asking if I had started my abstinence club to 'meet virgins'. Enough was enough (I felt exactly like J-Lo in *Enough*), I ended the press conference right then and there.

I needn't describe the media circus that came to encompass my life other than to say it was incredible. Of course there was wide spread speculation that I created S.M.U.T. for the sole purpose of meeting virgins, that even if I had been serious about abstinence, I should have had someone else hold our first press conference. Although I was immediately banned for life after the press conference from the club I created, even though I'll have to pay for the purity rings, the limos, the champagne, the motivational books/tapes, the abstinence lifestyle, I'm not bitter.

So as I sit here, staring at the paparazzi who have been camped out on my front lawn even since the "virgins are awful" fiasco, I am left thinking about the lessons I learned from my experience with abstinence here at UVM. Lessons that I'll one day be able to pass onto my own children. Lessons like: Don't trust the media, Be yourself, Abstinence is best, etc.



photos courtesy of The Fleming Museum



The Fleming Museum will present the exhibition *Andy Warhol Work and Play*, from January 26 - June 9, 2003, the largest exhibition of Warhol's work ever to be shown in northern Vermont. Planning for the exhibition began with a generous offer by Jon Kilik, a UVM alumnus and celebrated film producer in New York, to loan his collection of Warhol works to the Fleming.

This spring the Fleming Museum will exhibit a collection of rock posters from concerts produced by Bill Graham at the Fillmore West and Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco in 1966-67. A poster from this series documenting the one-time West Coast appearance of Andy Warhol and The Velvet Underground is included in the Fleming's exhibition *Andy Warhol Work and Play*. To protect the posters from over-exposure to light, one set of posters will be exhibited in the cases in the Wilbur Room from January 14 through April 13 and another set from the series will be shown from April 15 through July 13.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

A new semester will mean more personal problems for you. Take for example this very possible scenario: You come back from the shower and begin to dress, when suddenly you realize the Sci-fi channel really sucks. This will make your day harder, as you thought the Sci-fi channel was really cool, loser. Get back to your Dungeons and Dragons game. Don't look at me.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Be on guard this week when around your significant other. Avoid controversial topics and try to stay on neutral topics. Hey, everyone likes Michael Jackson. Why not talk about him.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You have a very boring name. I don't like it. Try changing it to Steve Buscemi. Oh that one's taken? How about Sunny Bono, no one's using that right now.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Why didn't the Skipper ever beat the life out of Gillian? Gilligan made him so mad, always screwing up everything. He's a moron.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Steven Tyler should have died a very long time ago. No denying that. There is no possible way to explain his continued existence.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I'd like to see a more responsible reality TV in 2003. Why not put four strangers going to college in a house and tape their lives? Here comes the twist: One of them claims to make less than 19,000 dollars a year, 2 can't move, and all of them like Bon Jovi. Then burn the house. Then burn the rubble. Then market it to 14 year olds. Then hire one of the Baldwins to save the show. They burn the Baldwin.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Having problems with your roommate already? Well I saw this one coming. Here's the solution:

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

That's your boyfriend? Are you kidding me? Well he has a really good personality... okay I hate him! I hate him so much! But my 'dry streak' is large. Very large.. I guess he's okay then. Pork chops. Spaghetti. Mashed potatoes.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

I'm Bush and I'm about to invade the Iraq of your heart. Then I'll harvest the oil and sell it. Dick is 'backing me up' the whole way... Cheney.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Marky Mark and The Funky Bunch rule! Back to my problems. At WWF fantasy camp yesterday I had trouble getting off the mat and my fantasy instructor made me get off the mat fifty times. He humiliated me. I really used to like fantasy. Amber liked fantasy...

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

David Hasselhoff is becoming more and more popular. This is a very big problem that must be addressed. That's right, he's becoming as popular as the guy that did the voice for the luck-dragon in *The Neverending Story*. That means incredibly popular.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Colin Quinn's new show is not funny and/or real. It's a poor attempt by a down-and-out comic from Boston to revitalize his career. Hey Colin: Guess what? Bill Maher already did that. Guess where he is now? Unemployed. That's where.

TOASTED VEGETABLES

BY LILLIE KINGSTON AND
ANDREW WOODS

AFTER A WEEKEND OF PARTYING IN MONTREAL, THE GANG HEADS BACK FOR THE STATES



WAYNE: RIGHT YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!



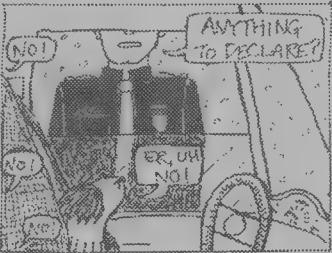
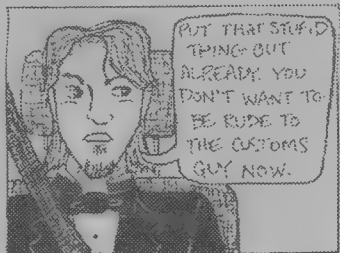
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WOULD YOU AT LEAST ROLL DOWN THE WINDOW A BIT?



Original Comic Strip



Two Pictures of Steven Seagal



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Student Life

Student Speaks Out on UVM, Environmental Policies and Bombay

By: MOHIRA SUYARKULOVA
Cynic Staff Writer

Meet Muralidharan Gautam. He is 21 years old, born in Bombay, India. This young man is not only a Wild life biology student at the School of Natural Resources at UVM but also a person with diverse interests, such as photography, extreme sports, cooking, modeling and traveling.

In the beginning of our conversation environmental policies concerning animals back home. Gautam told me he was going to switch his major to environmental studies, because, as he says he's got a plan that he will not be able to accomplish without finances, that is why he needs to be an entrepreneur to make the money necessary for his plan to come true.

M: So what is your plan?

G: I want to make a greater contribution (monetarily mostly, but organizationally as well) than I would make at the grassroots level. I want to try to change some environmental policies concerning animals back home. For example, the policies regarding much of captive conservation of wildlife: in India it is monopolized by the Central Zoo

Authority, and all the zoos in the country are public and run by government. I think this is not good; it would be much better, in my opinion to combine public and private sectors.

Another problem is that, although in our culture people are brought up to respect nature, people lack the knowledge about current issues dealing with the environment.

People say they love wildcats but they know so little, almost nothing about how many wildcats we even have in India (more species in one country than any other country on earth, I think, but correct me if I'm wrong) and that many of them are threatened.

If I had money I'd be able to push hard merge the public and the private sector. Also I would launch a project on the conservation and/or breeding of rare wildlife found in the country, and around the world if I get ambitious. Finally, there is a lot of red tape involved in the state system that manages the zoos in India, so I would like to do something about it as well.

M: How did you come to the

understanding that this is your career? Why did you choose this field of study?

G: I've loved animals all my life. And I always was lucky and had good influences. When I was a child I first was interested in reading books about animals and nature. I was crazy about them and with time I became a resource for things connected to the animals, and people could ask me questions and I would kind of just know stuff, or look it up. Then people would bring [me] sick animals to cure them and I did take care of them and kept all of them in my house.

I had all kinds of animals at home. All the ones you can imagine and even some that you wouldn't really think of. It sometimes got me in a lot of trouble and almost got me kicked out of my house a couple times by my father. He doesn't like animals that much. Especially when he finds bats in the freezer (it was for a post-mortem), or hears the screeching of an owl in my room.

M: What was your educational experience in India like?

G: I studied in Bombay all the way to the 8th grade. Then I was sent to a private boarding school in South India for three years. It

See "Gautam Speaks", Page 10

Got a Question That Demands an Answer?

The Cynic is proud to introduce the newest advice column for all of your important queries: Dr. Dewey is here to solve all of your important problems that you're afraid to ask your mom, your R.A. and your friends. Don't worry, you're secret is safe with us.

Dear Dr. Dewey:

I have a problem, but I'm afraid to tell anyone. My roommate, although overall a really great roommate, is constantly undressing without warning, in front of me.

While she seems very comfortable with it, in fact she has conversations with me while undressing, I find it somewhat unnerving.

She says she comes from a family where nudity is embraced and encouraged, and claims she wanders around her home in the buff.

I've talked to her about it and have expressed my concern, but she just scoffed at the idea.

I feel weird discussing this with anyone but you, Dr. Legof. Please help me with this problem, I don't know how much longer I can live like this.

-Worried in Wills

Dear Worried:

Wow, there a few issues here. The fact that she continues to do this after you've discussed it with

her, and the fact you have a problem with it. If she hasn't changed now, then she won't change ever.

If you don't feel like moving out, then you'll have to work out a system or deal with the randomness. If you're not into softcore, then avert your eyes or be pleasantly surprised.

Dear Dr. Dewey:

I have a query, and I don't know about how to solve it. I knew you would know the answer, so I am begging for an explanation.

Why, might I ask, is my math class in the dairy building and my political science class is in the nursing building, making trekking across campus in the wind and snow quite challenging.

Is this some new way for all of us to explore other colleges, so I can learn about how to butcher a cow during math? It smells funny and makes weird noises, and I'm getting scared. Stop my nightmares.

-Scared in Simpson

Dear Scared:

I have no advice for this, because I don't understand it myself. I do believe that you can thank the administration for your new knowledge of cow dismantlement.

To me, this sounds like what I fondly refer to as centralization. China has similar policies, which

makes perfect sense since China and UVM are structured similarly.

My only advice: buy some long underwear and plug your nose.

Have a question that no one else wants to answer? Send it to us at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu

Break! A Break Dance Show



Kristen Ringey/ VC Photo Editor

Two Dancers at Fridays Break Dance Show at the Ira Allen Chapel

UVM Kicks Off Semester With Winter Blitz Activities

By AMY VAILLANCOURT
Student Life Editor

Winter Blitz 2003 ran this past week, starting Sunday January 12 and ends with Anna Devere Smith in the Ira Allen Chappel on Thursday, January 23rd and the screening of the film Red Dragon in the C.C. Theater on Saturday, Jan. 25.

These events are sponsored by a cross campus collaboration, including Student Life, Campus activities team, University Bookstore, Outing Club, ASB, VIA, UVM Hillel, Alpha Phi Omega, Center for Cultural Pluralism, Cats Meow, Hit Paws, Provost office, SGA, and Top Cats.

Activities including hotdogs and a concert by the accapella groups outside the Royal Tyler Theatre on campus, and a free bus to Bolton for night skiing.

"It was consolation after spending six-hundred dollars on textbooks." Adam Rossler, after

enjoying the snack provided by Student Life

"It was crazy fun." exclaimed Tanya Tersillo after hitting the slopes.

Another activity that attracted many students was the showing of Sweet Home Alabama, where students packed C.C. Theater Thursday night.

Many students also hit up Break! A Break Dance Show in Ira Allen Chapel, where students even had the opportunity to join the performers on stage.

The Winter Blitz offered different types of activities for UVM from movies to skiing, speakers, outdoor activities, and concerts, similar to the Week of Welcome that occurred that the beginning of fall 2002.

Winter Blitz gave people a variety of things to do the first week of the semester, and gave students events to do despite the low temperatures of the past week.

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to the MAT dorm)

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dent affiliate chapter at UVM]
We will be having regular meetings
on:
- Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

Women's Rugby

info meeting
January 21st at 7 p.m.

January 28th -
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Jan. 21 10-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 23 10-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 24 8:30-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 25 5-6pm, tennis courts
Jan 27 9:30-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 28 8:30-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 31 8:30-11pm, tennis courts

Movie: Red Dragon
Saturday January 25
4 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m.
CC Theatre

Anna Devere Smith
Thursday January 23
7 p.m.
Ira Allen Chappel

Outing Club info Meeting
Thursday the 23rd
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Audition for Hit paws A Capella
group
Tuesday January 21st 6 p.m.
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Advocat info meeting
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idea for this section? write
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Guatam Speaks Out About UVM and U.S.

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was one of those "colonial British style" schools, where you are caned for misbehaving. Two years later when I was in 'Junior College' in Bombay (our equivalent of the 11th and 12th grade) I went to a college in Bombay. But I was not really happy about it, because I was studying liberal arts. I needed to work with animals. The problem was that all the good environmental programs are graduate programs in India. So I decided to talk to my dad about going to the US. I found a host family and went to California and went there to work with about 16 species of wildcats in a private, non-profit facility for 4 months. Then I went back home and started the application process. I heard that UVM had a really good natural resources school. I applied to UVM and was accepted, so here I am. I've also found that people are ignorant in what concerns other cultures and countries. They see the world as literally "The US and the rest of the place". Many Americans when they heard I was from India would ask me if I had a pet elephant or tiger. But there's a lot more good things, really.

M: Are there things that you like about the US?

G: The School of Natural Resources is awesome. Yes, definitely there are a lot of things. I love my friends here, and the natural beauty of Vermont. The School of Natural Resources is simply amazing. The faculty there is terrific, and the closely knit, informal feel to the school is a really refreshing feeling, and really helped me get comfortable in the U.S. Overall I like America. It is an interesting place.

Spring Rush Hits UVM Greek Style

Rush is upon UVM's greek community once again. For those who are not in tune to what rush is all about, I'll try to explain it to you. Rush usually happens twice a year during the academic year, once at the beginning of fall semester and once at the beginning of the spring semester. It is the greek community's time to get to know someone interested or even not interested in greek life. To me it is the time to attract as many people as possible to my house to spark an interest in the diversity and dynamics of the men in my fraternity.

Attracting people to greek life is one of the hardest goals especially at a school where greek life only makes up less than ten

Forty-Five smiling faces in matching t-shirts wait anxiously behind a closed front door, one girl peaks around the corner looking for a group of girls to round the corner.

Eighteen apprehensive faces wait on the front porch on the other side of a closed front door. Suddenly a roar of voices erupts from behind the closed door. The eighteen take a surprised step back as the door swings open and a great rushing flood pours out from insides. Forty-Five smiling faces screaming at the top of their lungs in song; "Boom Boom there'll be nothing but Theta" And so rush has begun at every sorority house at UVM.

The process of rush is one of planning, hard work, excitement

percent of the student body. To accomplish this goal, fraternities and sororities hold events so that people unassociated with the greek community can meet members and see where they would fit. Being rush chair at Sigma Phi Society, I have been responsible for setting up a Las Vegas Night at my house. We have rented roulette wheels and poker set ups for the hopes to attract new faces down to the house. This event also provides good brother to rush contact which is probably the most important aspect of rush.

Rush is a hectic time because it is when a house of thirty or more members need to make a decision on who they want to share in the secrets, rituals, and

and most of all fun. This semi-annual, weeklong event is one of the most exciting and the most stressful part of sorority life.

Each house has its own rush "rituals", that is to say that each house has certain things that it does each year to prepare for rush. Kappa Alpha Theta, for example, has the tradition where it is the responsibility of the girls who actually live in the house to do the decorating.

Rush occurs in both the fall and the spring. Fall is considered the "formal rush period". The fall has much more structure and formal guidelines. Spring rush is much less formal.

The houses set up events and notifications of these events are posted around campus. Anyone

songs with. There is always the question of "what characteristics does he have to be a brother?" My personal preference is someone who is going to be a leader in the house and do whatever is necessary to make the house strive forward.

In a few simple words, rush is a time to get to know new people. There is a place for every student on campus in any of the houses here. I implore you to rid the prejudices and stereotypes of greek life and go to a house that may interest you. I have, and I do not regret one moment of it.

*Andrew Bourret
Rush Chair
Sigma Phi Society*

who is interested is invited and encouraged to attend these rush events. At Theta, these rush events usually consist of the sisters and the girls who have come to the event, sitting around talking, watching Friends and eating snacks or ice cream sundaes.

Each house looks forward each year to the rewards or rush; the promise of a new group of girls to carry out the traditions and bonds of sisterhood that have existed for hundreds of years. Rush is the bloodline of the sorority life here at the University of Vermont.

*Krissy Tosi
Rush Chair
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by Brett Weir

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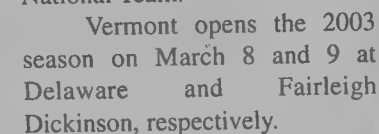
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In the women's nordic classical pursuit race, UVM captain

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"This is a great honor for Megan. She is a tremendously talented player and one of the best hitters in America East. We



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Here's What You Missed...

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Editor

A lot has gone down with UVM Athletics over the past month while the student body has been home, working, skiing, traveling, etc. Our student athletes have been hard at work and probably haven't gotten as much of a vacation as they might have hoped. So, in case you haven't kept up with the sports news, here's a little recap of what has been going on with each team.

The Vermont Mens Basketball team, ranked second in the league behind Boston University, improved to 4-1 in the league, their only loss coming last Saturday to Boston University on the Terriers home court.

The loss to BU snapped a five game win streak by the Cats, who are 10-7 overall this season, even with the loss of junior stand-out guard T.J. Sorrentine, who announced his decision to redshirt for the '02-'03 season after suffering fractures in both wrists during a preseason intra-squad scrimmage.

Sophomore standout Taylor Coppentrath leads America East in scoring with an average of 21.2 points per game, most recently tallying 27 points for the Cats last Wednesday to help lead the team to a 63-53 win over Albany.

Senior Grant Anderson has been invaluable for the Cats this season, and in early January he posted his first triple-double, netting 11 points, 13 boards and 10 assists, a feat not achieved at UVM since Kevin Roberson did so in 1992. That game gave UVM a school-record home win streak of 15, the twelfth best in the Nation.

The Vermont Women's Basketball team, went 4-2 overall and 2-1 in league play over winter

break and are now 10-3 overall and ranked third in the league behind Boston University and Maine. Vermont's one league loss came at Northeastern on January eighth by a mere six points. The Cats beat number one BU last Sunday however, and in that game senior Morgan Hall scored a career-high 38 points to become UVM's first female to score 30 points in back to back games, having scored 33 points against Northeastern four days prior.

Last week, senior Dawn Cressman netted her 1,000th point in a win at home over Albany and also got her second double-double of the season with 17 points and 12 boards. Cressman also became a member of Vermont's 1,000 point/500 rebound club having grabbed her 500th rebound in November against Yale.

The Vermont Men's Hockey team seems to be turning things around recently, winning two of their last three games, including

a 6-4 win over Dartmouth, who had beaten Vermont only two weeks earlier on the Cats home ice. The Cats rallied from a three-goal deficit and scored five unanswered goals in 4:50 from the end of the second period through the beginning of the third.

The men will be looking for a couple of wins this weekend when they take on Rensselaer and Union, ranked eleventh and sixth respectively.

The Vermont Women's Hockey team is tied for eighth in the league with Cornell, and have yet to post an ECAC-North win this season but have just come off of a 2-1 win over North Dakota after losing to the same team 8-2, the night before. They are now

0-5-1 in the league and 3-14-1 overall.

The Cats star goaltender Tiffany Hayes was invited to the Women's National Team Training Camp in Lake Placid, NY and is one of only six goaltenders to receive this honor.

The women will have two non-league games against Wayne State at home this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 2pm both days.

The Women's Swimming and Diving team posted its' second win of the season over break against Central Connecticut but also lost one to Holy Cross in the same meet. The Men also lost to Holy Cross and fell to 1-7, while the women fell to 2-7. The teams then took on Stony Brook on Saturday, Jan. 19th and the women competed against Siena College on Sunday.

The Women's Indoor Track team finished sixth out of 29 and Junior Captain Kristal Kostiew broke a UVM 20 pound

weight record, throwing 59 1-1/2 ft. and getting third place in that event at the meet. She was later named the UVM student-athlete of the week ending Jan. 12th.

In skiing news, the Vermont Alpine team has been ranked fourth in the nation and first in the east. The team is led by a slew of Vermonters who will all bring pride to the school and state. The first EISA race of the season is the St. Lawrence Ski Carnival, at which Vermont should fare well.

So, you are all urged to attend as many games as possible this semester, and show support for your UVM student-athletes.

Schedules are available in the Patrick Gymnasium as well as online.



Sophomore Taylor Coppentrath (left) and Senior Dawn Cressman (right) score big for the Cats.

Courtesy of Sports Info

Women's Basketball Rolls Past Albany

Last Wednesday, senior Dawn Cressman (Guelph, Ontario) posted her second double-double of the season with 17 points, including her 1,000th, and a game-high 12 rebounds to lead Vermont past visiting Albany, 61-48, in an America East Conference contest.

Cressman becomes the 13th Catamount to reach the 1,000 career point mark and now joins classmate Morgan Hall among UVM's all-time leaders.

Cressman also becomes the 9th member of Vermont's 1,000 point/500 rebound club.

She collected her 500th carom in UVM's season opening victory over Yale.

A jumper from Cressman on the baseline, her 1,000th career point, at 13:29 gave Vermont a 10-3 lead in the first half.

The Great Danes cut the margin to two on a lay-up by Sarah Sweetland with 10:58 left in the first half.

The Great Danes would get within three once more at the 16:34 mark, but Vermont was

finally able to take the reins the rest of the way. Junior Aaron Yantzi (Waterloo, Ontario) ignited a 14-2 run in favor of Vermont that opened up the game and gave the Catamounts a comfortable 15-point lead, 49-34, with 9:51 remaining. UVM's lead would grow to as much as 18 on a three-pointer by Cressman at the 4:16 mark.

Sophomore Katie McNamara (Essex Junction, Vt.) posted her third double-figure scoring night in as many games with a game-high 18 points.

Classmate Lani Boardman (York, Maine) added 12 points and nine rebounds for Vermont.

Vermont improves to 10-3 overall, 2-1 in America East, while Albany falls to 6-8 overall and 0-3 in the league.

The Catamounts are idle for a week.

Next up for UVM will be road trips to arch rival Maine, Wednesday, January 22, and Hartford, Saturday, January 25.

- SportsInfo

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Cats Get Revenge Against Big Green on Ice

Vermont scored five unanswered goals in just under five minutes and then killed a critical 5-on-3 Dartmouth power play late in the game in a 6-4 victory over the Big Green Saturday in ECAC men's ice hockey action at Thompson Arena in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Rallying from a three-goal deficit, the Cats put the rest of the league on notice on a frigid night in the Upper Valley: this team is finding its stride, and is getting better with each game.

"We had the jump in our step the whole night," Vermont coach Mike Gilligan said. "And Shawn (Conschafter) came up real, real big at the end to nail it down. This is a very resilient team. They never said die, and we killed off a big penalty at the end."

Dartmouth, 9-7-1 overall and 5-5-0 in ECAC play, took a 1-0 lead midway through the first

period when freshman standout Hugh Jessiman blasted a rolling puck past Vermont's Shawn Conschafter at 10:30.

Dartmouth took a 3-0 lead on goals from Stempniak and defenseman Garrett Overlock before Vermont responded with two goals in 97 seconds to make it 3-2 at the end of an abbreviated second period.

Freshman Jeff Corey banged in a rebound off of a shot from Scott Mifsud at 17:45, with Oriel McHugh also getting an assist, and only 1:27 later, senior assistant captain Bryson Busniuk scored his fourth of the season and the 25th of his career at 19:12. Mifsud and Corey got assists on that goal.

Vermont needed just 71

seconds to tie it when Busniuk scored his second of the game on the power play, sliding the puck past Yacey early in the third.

Jaime Sifers and Brady Leisenring assisted on the goal, which was the first of four in the final frame for Vermont.

Junior Jeff Miles scored his first goal in seven games, and his team-leading 12th of the season, at 1:44 to give Vermont a 4-3 lead, and then sophomore forward Tim Plant scored his first of two goals at 2:35.

John Longo assisted on Miles' goal, while Sifers and Baron Becker got the helpers on Plant's goal that went off a Dartmouth defender and over the head of Yacey into the cage.

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League, former University of Vermont standout Martin St. Louis '97 has been selected to play in the NHL All-Star Game.

"It is an honor to be in that game and to get the chance to play with and against some of my idols," St. Louis told the Tampa Tribune Thursday. "This is something that I am going to remember for quite a long time. I'm going to be like a kid in a candy store."

St. Louis joins former Catamount standout John LeClair '91 as the only Catamounts ever to play in an NHL All-Star game. LeClair, who plays for the Philadelphia Flyers, is a five-time National Hockey League All-Star and a two-time Olympian, and one of the top power forwards in the game.

St. Louis was a three-time All-American and three-time Hobey Baker finalist for the Catamounts from 93-97.

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Roe v. Wade: 30 Years Later, Debate Still Continues

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

For most people at UVM, one cannot remember a time when abortions were illegal.

But as the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade passed this week, the controversy over abortion is still in the forefront of many debates and protests.

The right to choose to end a pregnancy has led to many major court battles, including one as recent as the mid-nineties.

Abortion has been on the decline in the past 13 years, according to a study done by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit research organization.

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of abortions dropped 18 percent, from an estimated 1.6 million a year to 1.3 million.

Twelve years ago, about 27 women out of every 1,000 of childbearing age had had an abortion; by 2000, the number fell to just over 21.

And whereas 28% of those who found themselves pregnant

in 1990 had an abortion, the number dropped below 25% two years ago, according to a recent TIME magazine article.

Despite the drop in numbers, the topic is still at the forefront of government policies, including federal judicial nominees.

Many people feel that if current Supreme Court judge Rehnquist steps down this year, that President Bush will nominate a conservative judge, and possibly overturning the decision.

Junior Amy Christensen hopes that Bush will not help to overturn the deci-

sion. "Bush should not overturn it



Kristen Rigney/VC Photo Editor
As the debate rages on, pregnant teenage women still search for answers to unresolved issues.

has that much power to tell anyone except maybe his own family to do what to do with their own personal body," said Christensen.

"Plus, it is ridiculous to overturn a case that was settled years ago.

"It is controversial but it gives a woman options that she deserves to have. A person's own body is the only thing that really belongs to them.

"He may try to overturn it because of what he believes in, but I think it would not be the smartest choice and I doubt that he would have a great amount of support, especially from women."

One place that Bush does have support is the Catholic church, along with many churches who encourage the pro-life decision.

"We promote the sanctity of life," said UVM Catholic Center priest John McDermott,

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What Bush Has Done So Far

- Made "born children" eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, Health Insurance Program as part of effort to establish the fetus as a person
- Nominated strongly antiabortion advocates such as Attorney General John Ashcroft to high level positions
- Filed lower-court brief supporting Ohio's ban on "partial birth" abortions
- Nixed taxpayer funding for additional stem cells to be extracted from embryos and used to research cures for diseases
- Reimposed global gag rule forcing international organizations to stop U.S. funds from providing abortion services
- Revised government website to include suggestion of a link between abortion and breast cancer, which is not yet proved
- TIME Magazine Report

Princeton To Follow Harvard In Supporting Michigan's Policies

U-WIRE

PRINCETON, N.J. -- Harvard University--and possibly Princeton University--will file a brief with the Supreme Court next month supporting the University of Michigan policy that considers race as a factor in admissions, officials said Thursday.

Harvard is planning to file the brief by Feb. 18, said Beth Potier, a Harvard spokeswoman. President Tilghman said yesterday that she supported the University of Michigan's side and that Princeton may join the Harvard petition if asked.

The case centers on whether the affirmative action program denies white students who filed suit against the school equal protection guarantees of the Constitution.

President Bush opposed the University of Michigan policy in a brief filed Thursday by the Justice Department. Harvard's brief represents the first plans for formal action by a major university before the Supreme Court to oppose the Bush administration's views on affirmative action.

A White House spokesman declined to comment Thursday night.

Harvard's Civil Rights Project previously supported the University of Michigan when the cases were heard in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The ruling in the Michigan cases will likely be the most significant decision on affirmative action since 1978 when the court ruled against racial quotas in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke but said that universities could use race as a factor in admissions.

The Harvard petition advocates sustaining the high court's current interpretation of affirmative action. Tilghman said, "I think most of the higher education world would want to sustain Justice Powell's ruling [in Bakke]," she said.

The American Council on Education, a consortium of organizations involved in higher education has also recently called on Bush to support the University of Michigan's policies.

The University of Michigan's system came under legal action in 1997 in two cases alleging that the university uses racial quotas.

At the undergraduate level, several white applicants argued that the university's points-based admission system violated the Constitution's equal protection guarantee.

The plaintiffs alleged that they were denied admission in favor of less qualified students. In the case against the law school, plaintiffs charged that there was a similar percentage target for minorities.

Unlike Princeton and most other small, selective universities, Michigan uses a points-based admissions process. Under the current 150-point system, blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans receive 20 points automatically for being a member of an underrepresented minority.

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New Dean Named To College Of Agriculture And Life Sciences

UVM Press Release

Rachel K. Johnson, professor of nutrition, has been named dean of the University of Vermont's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Provost A. John Bramley announced today.

"Rachel Johnson has been leading the college forward with great skill and energy for 18 months," said Bramley of Johnson's interim position as acting dean of the college.

Johnson replaces Bramley, who left the position to become interim provost in June 2001 and was named provost by UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel in October 2002.

"I am enormously pleased that Rachel Johnson has agreed to take on this critical role for UVM," said Fogel.

"Rachel is an outstanding teacher, a nationally recognized scholar for her work on children's diets and an administrator with several years' experience in the college.

She has established great support in the external constituencies with whom the college works," Bramley added.

Johnson came to Vermont in 1991 after completing her doctoral studies at Pennsylvania State University.

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Ellen Arapakos' Paintings Visit L/L Gallery



"I wish to give expression to the material existence of mothering in its particularity"
-Ellen Arapakos

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Who Truly Represents Us?

With the beginning of a new semester and the end of an old, many people reflect at the events of the past months and wonder in a amazement at some of the changes that have taken place. Others have no idea what goes on around them.

One of the most influential bodies, the Student Government Association, is making decisions every week that affect every student's life here at UVM.

But a large percentage of students have no idea who these people are, what they do, and why we even have an SGA.

Sound like a problem? We think so.

We as an undergraduate student body contribute every year to this organization, with many unaware of the group of students who supposedly represent them.

Why are we all so in the dark?

The SGA has to make themselves better known to the larger student body.

Not everyone passes through Billings and not everyone reads Cat Tracks.

Do most people know that there are usually vacancies on the Senate, and that we elect these students?

Voter turn out is weak, and that's ridiculous, seeing that these are the students who are supposed to represent our views and ideas to the administration.

It's also hard to see the true representation of UVM sitting around the North Lounge of Billings every Tuesday night.

Less than 10 percent of UVM is Greek, while all executive officers of the SGA and a large percentage of senators also belong to fraternities and sororities.

While it's great that these students took the time to get involved, but do they know

what all students truly want and need out of their UVM experience?

Granted it would be difficult to get a percent percentage of different types of people (athletes, anarchists), but more effort needs to be made here.

Maybe the SGA should spend some time outside of Billings and make a trip around the dorms, talking with students of all different interests to get a more balanced opinion on what needs to be done on campus.

Maybe not everyone thinks the late-night bus is the epitamy of things that needs to be accomplished this year.

Students also need to be more informed about what the Senate actually debates about.

Can anyone name two things on their agenda?

We give these guys money to play with and power to change things, yet none of us could care less what they do.

Maybe we would care if we saw people like us on Senate.

The way to change the ways things get done is to make an effort to get involved and see what you can to make a difference.

Take some action and demand to know what goes on with our money and our representatives.

We demand of our U.S. Congressmen and women, why shouldn't we do it for our school reps?

We have a more likely chance of having a direct impact with these guys then the ones down on Capitol Hill.

If you don't like who represents you, then change it. Represent yourself.

A's & F's

A's

-Rushing Sigma Phi. Those fellows have things to keep you and yours plenty warm.

-Slade Hall for its homecooked, hot and free vegetarian meals. Warm soup in cold bellies=temporarily staving off Arctic death.

-The Vermont Cynic for stomaching the bathrooms in the Billings basement (very raunchtastic) in the name of the people.

F's

-It's still really arfin' cold out. I can't feel my legs. Enough said.

-In the time elapsed since writing that last 'F,' the temperature has gone down. It is now even colder out. Entering into stage two hypothermia.

-The temperature is the stuff of Siberia. I am now unconscious and blue and in the final stages of hypothermia. It's been real, y'all.

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Giraldo to Address UVM

To the Editor:

Hector Giraldo is a Colombian union leader involved with Central Unitaria de Trabajadores (CUT).

His union has already lost 25 union leaders to assassination by the paramilitary in the last five years.

As a road maintenance worker struggling to keep his co-workers' jobs from being replaced with non-unionized labor, (so the corporation they work for can skimp on workers' rights), Giraldo faces the same fate as over 3500 other unionists since 1986-the death squads of the paramilitary.

The paramilitary in Columbia is tied to the United States in a few ways.

First, they get funding directly from the United States, often in the form of Blackhawk helicopters and weapons.

US funding also goes to institutions like the School of the Americas, in Georgia.

At the School of the Americas, the Colombian military, which has direct ties to the paramilitary, can send its people to learn about terror and torture tactics.

As Giraldo put it, "Your tax money is being used to kill union members."

The unity of the paramilitary and the official military means that these resources are used to kill us."

This US funding used to come in the guise of a war on drugs, but more recently, the war on terror has provided justification for jacking up the amount given to the paramilitary.

A second link between the paramilitary and the US is the paramilitary's close connection to United States corporations opposed to unions, like Coca-Cola.

As is encouraged by the system of "free trade," these corporations seek non-

unionized labor because it is cheaper.

They will go to any extent to get what they want, including using the paramilitary to kill union leaders.

They also seek to deregulate and privatize all services and institutions that once were public, in order to make more profit.

However, this neoliberal attitude leads to worse conditions not only for workers, but for all citizens as profit-hungry corporations rampage public works, education and the prison system.

Giraldo, who will be speaking at the University of Vermont on Wednesday, will explain more of the intricacies of this situation.

He will speak about the parallel neoliberal attitudes by corporations in both Colombia and Vermont, and their relation to workers and the rest of the community.

He will also talk about his own experiences: "We are fighting the neoliberal model, because it restricts our rights, threatens democracy, increases unemployment and increases poverty."

Because we are fighting it, we are targets of paramilitary violence.

My union president was assassinated in front of the workers, with seven bullets.

Then they said they were going to kill me, so I had to leave Colombia."

He is one of 26 unionists currently in exile in the United States, with an AFL-CIO exchange program.

You can hear Hector Giraldo speak on Wednesday, the 29 of January, in John Dewey Lounge at 6 p.m.

Sophia Strosberg
Class of 2003

Residential Life Urges Student Input

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to an article in the Jan. 21 issue, entitled "Jailhouse Rocks the Boat."

Administration, including Kim Martin-Anderson (Director of Residential Life) and Annie Stevens (Assistant Vice President for Student and Campus Life), did receive direct feedback from residents.

Although, I agree they did not hold forums or discussion groups regarding increased security within the residence halls.

During the Inter-Residence Association (IRA) meeting held on Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, both Kim Martin-Anderson and Annie Stevens came to the group to discuss growing concerns in regards to safety within our residence halls.

At this time, Community Council representatives, one from each of the eight complexes on campus, gave feedback to the Administration.

During the conversation, suggestions, such as the two-point entry access; and check-ins at the front desk for visitors, were made.

These suggestions were made by residents living on campus.

Although, Administration enacted the policies they choose most beneficial. I feel confident in saying that if there were a large opposition in this matter, Administration would have taken the matter under advisement from the group.

At this time, I would like to urge all students living within the residence halls to voice their opinions.

Attend Community Council meetings where issues like these are discussed.

If you're unsure when and where these meetings take place, ask a Resident Assistant (RA).

Also, every Monday at 8:30 (with a rotating schedule for locations) are IRA meetings.

Again, ask your RA for the location. These meetings are open to residents living in the halls.

We urge everyone that wants to be heard, to speak!

Keith Upton
IRA President
Class of 2005

Bike Naked

To the Editor:

Yeéesss!

At last the long-standing Mt. Lions' tradition for the semester-end naked bike ride has received the attention it deserves.

Front page of the Cynic, no less!

Has anyone identified the masked man?

John Abbott
Assistant Director of Student Life
Outdoor Programs

Bang And Blame

I can still remember Monday mornings at my elementary school, the Governor Winslow School of Marshfield, Massachusetts.

We would all begin the week by walking down to the school auditorium, one of the sides of the cafeteria, and lining up in rows according to age to recite the National Anthem and sing one of America's many patriotic songs (rarely the national anthem, for that was too hard for the little five-year-olds).

It is certainly a good thing that I didn't grow up in a country like Cuba, where students are indoctrinated by the state.

All sarcasm aside, the propagation of the modern propaganda state has been a serious problem in world history since the time of the French Revolution, when people first experienced the raw power inherent in the mob mind.

Ever since, the art of maintaining power in the western world has lain in the ability of the government to sway the opinion of the masses.

In times of surplus and plenty, this feat is exceedingly simple, as you can simply take credit for what is the result of good weather, an industrious bourgeois or an environment of unbacked speculation (namely the 1920's and 1990's in American history).

The problem arises when the economy stumbles or falls.

How can a nation that is having problems at home possibly convince its people to still feel good about themselves and their government?

Easy, convince the average citizen that some place far away,

preferably filled with a race not often found at home, is the victim of an evil government (an autocracy works best), and then proceed to beat the hell out of them.

Managing to gain land or other capital in the process in order to rejuvenate the domestic economy is an added bonus which alleviates the need for another war, at least for a little while.

This same strategy has been used by countries for over two hundred years, though sometimes a country expands to prove to the rest of the world that they are better (i.e. colonial Britain and Nazi Germany).

Regardless, the recipients of this beating will clearly suffer, as war by definition destroys resources and populations, but the aggressors may also pay a high price for its strategy if they choose an opponent of too great a strength.

This is a lesson the United States learned years ago, which led to a long-standing policy of only fighting people clearly weaker than ourselves.

The question remains, however, whether the responsibility of these actions falls on the shoulders of the government which initiates them, or on the citizens who are appeased by them.

A man with cancer will not simply roll over and die without even attempting chemotherapy, and along the same line, a government will not accept the loss of its mandate without a fight.

Who is left to blame?

William Huling is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Mr. Sandman, Bring Me Some Cream

So I've become That Kid.

You know That Kid-she really annoys you by constantly raising her hand to voice her every concern.

She cannot fight the urge to pipe up, ideas splaying, soaking peers with the sticky gumbo of each wee thought classroom conversation sparks.

Essentially, the teacher and That Kid wind up entering into their own private dialogue during the time an array of other folks could be contributing their intelligent input, far surpassing the miniscule extension of merit founded in the ceaseless banter of That Kid.

Now the question becomes: if I recognize my increasingly lame role as That Kid, why, then, do I play into a part so loathsome?

Concrete answer: me sleepy.

Last semester, I began to realize very succinctly that anything that isn't interactive does not sustain my attention.

Moreover, actually, I require interactivity simply to remain astir.

Therefore, lecture-style classes, particularly large ones, propel me into deep slumber faster than a tranquilizer dart on the tranquilizer dartiest day of the tranquilizer dartiest year.

For that matter, so do movies put me to sleep in any setting, be they enhanced by the week audio stylings of a slide projector's cassette companion or by the surround sound in ample, prosperous theatres.

Case and point: on a Canadian Studies field trip in November, I fell asleep during an IMAX screening of some especially vocal, rambunctious tigers in the raw.

All hahas aside, to fully experience a movie, I necessitate the aid of stiffening agents and tiny, precise joists to prop open my eyelids as I fear the alternative, toppling floorward, fighting a losing battle with shut-eye.

Today was the first day that marked my staying awake through a movie in a wide and starry expanse of the space-time continuum, but that degree of operation was not without the help of all three of my triplet friends: Joe, Joe and Joe.

Yes, coffee has indeed become a staple of my diet.

In fact, it has become the fuel for my fire.

It has become the backbone of my existence.

It has become the cream in my coff...ooo, and it has hastened my speed in speaking before first thinking, thus becoming my impediment in not abusing clichés.

And, honestly, I don't even have a refined enough palate not to drown my coffee in milk and sugar.

Although I am getting better, I am awfully American about my caffeine consumption, adding but a few drops of civilian rocket fuel to my steeping mug of otherwise volatily syrupy milk foam.

As I grow asymptotically close to permanent weariness, however, the ratio exponentially favors the legal stimulant.

Come the weekends, though, I do not drink coffee.

By the time the weeks' ends approach, I can hardly remain alert to conjure up images of raging parties let alone try not to naturally pass out during them.

But I have a rationale in not tackling the Green Mountain for artificial wakefulness come Friday night.

I reckon that with no curriculum to pound, there is no definite need to pollute my fatigued physique, and thus, I opt for the talent to hallucinate the night away, substance free.

Besides, coffee doesn't even always do its thang.

Whenever situations entail passivity on my part, be I hopped up on beverage or not, I still tumble into the open arms of R.E.M.

I am powerless against the

Sandman, so I kid you not when I claim that all activities must demand collective participation for me to remain conscious.

Unsurprisingly, then, come school daze, I must talk up a wicked maelstrom of irritants in order to stave off blatantly conking out.

Now, I distinctly sense myself annoying the arfing hell out of my classmates-and me.

Actually, damn, I don't think it too liberal to venture to guess that I untickle even my teachers' fancies.

But I vow, UVMissaries, that I'm not creepily reveling in my That Kiddom; I'm just trying to stay awake.

So if you have class with me and you're not too repulsed by my desperate acts of verbosity, be a pal and whack me when you see my head hit the desk, would you?

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Keep Me Searchin' for a Heart of Cold

It seems as if each day has gotten progressively colder since the New Year.

But inasmuch as we may have come to detest this nouveau ice-age, there are good things to be had from it.

"What?" you may ask... Well, take, for example, our undying ability to adapt: whatever the conditions, we have both the internal climate control of our warm-blooded selves, as well as all the latest fashionable layers to adorn our otherwise very chilly bodies.

But beyond all our human capabilities, I think there is something deeper—something that gets at the true core of everything: of who we are.

I'm thinking of the common experience, the unity that we all share that no matter where any of us come from, we can each say the same thing: "Damn, it's cold..."

Of course, the temperature isn't the only thing 'connecting' us to one another here, but just

think about all the feelings we all do share each morning on the way to our first class: the tickle of wool or the softness of fleece next to your skin as you prepare yourself for the frigid air.

That first draft of wind that freezes your eyelashes, just slightly as you push open the door to the outside.

The gust that blurs your vision with tears as you traipse down Main Street, pulling your arms in, huddling them close to your torso.

That sudden relief you feel when you enter any building with heat as if it were melting a stiff layer of ice off your otherwise unbending posture.

The comfort you get when you crawl into bed at night, exhausted from a day of cold, and pull the covers over your body and feel their weight cradle you into a world of your own.

Yet, as comforting as these

thoughts can be to us, they don't necessarily remedy this humbling Siberian-like weather.

(They do at least give us a taste of what a nuclear winter might be like [ohhh—cheap shot to Bush!]).

But more seriously, aside from the suspension-warping frost heaves that turn the roads into rollercoasters and the bone-buckling temperatures that have probably left the fish of Lake Champlain with about ten feet of water, we are all in this together.

And isn't it just a splendid feeling to all be in agreement about something?

Humans really are amazing animals: everything about us can change with the weather or any environment for that matter.

We're all different from one another in so many ways, bringing with us a diversity of images, opinions, histories, beliefs, and so much more; but fundamentally, we share a plethora of common traits; mainly, that we are all humans.

We are people who have instincts, sensations, emotions.

I don't doubt that a good

number of you have never experienced temperatures of this sort your whole lives.

And among us all, our instincts cause us to crave one more cups of that cream of broccoli soup (after all, it's our fat that keeps us warm).

Our sensations more-or-less require that we dress accordingly to the numbing chill (since it's our senses that stem from our instincts: always at work, but not always paid interest).

Finally, it's our emotions that remind us why we chose UVM as our college in the first place: it's a constantly changing plenitude of new sensations—of wondrous experiences.

UVM is a school and a location and a mentality.

Perhaps our instincts drove us here in the first place, perhaps not; but it's our emotions that tell us to stay.

It's our emotions that evoke a realization of a 'cornucopia of change:' the ever-evanescent seasons, the tranquility of the rustic woods, the steady bustle of Burlington, the glassy ripples of the Lake down by the waterfront,

the crimson and vanilla and lavender hues of the sunsets...

It seems quite hard to believe that in three months time we'll all be wearing t-shirts and tank-tops and flip-flops; but until that day comes, I'm going to try to enjoy the cold.

I'm going to dream of fireplaces and old, wooden, creaky floors.

I'm going to do my best to give notice to all the little things that pass us by each day without us ever realizing them.

And finally, I'm going to try and think about everybody else: of how we're all basically counting down the days for a heat wave that will push the thermometer to at least 20 degrees...Of how we're all in this together.

Now I can't speak for everyone, but all this coldness gives me some unique sense of community.

It makes me feel like a true part of UVM, it makes me feel human; it makes me feel like a Vermonter.

Kevin Lenfest II is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

You Spin Me Right Round Baby, Like a Record Player

Vinyl rocks my antiquated, little world! (Literally, I boast my height as a lofty 5'5" on a really good day).

Recently my roommate moved out to pursue bigger and better things downtown on Orchard Terrace, taking with him, among other things, his stereo and speakers, as well as his radical archive of live Yonder Mountain String Band shows; both greater losses than he (Danno, you know I just love you for the Yonder).

This absence left me with the opportunity to transfer my home

stereo, along with my daddio's most excellent record player, up into my room at school upon returning for second semester.

Accompanying the record player: records, approximately fifty of them which find their home lined-up in box formerly belonging to a toaster oven; pretty maids all in a row.

I acquired most of these records from my parents' personal collection; a collection of a few hundred which makes up most of the interior design of our living room.

The remaining albums composing my headstash were primarily found at basement vinyl shops or given to me as gifts by friends or relatives over the years.

Since being reunited these artifacts, I now find myself in a bliss I hardly feel I deserve: the possessor of a fine record player, along with an excellent selection of music, by my standards, and a new roommate in accordance with my unrelenting love for The Beatles (Abbey Road is the greatest album ever recorded, there's no use trying to deny fact).

'There's something very spiritual about...lining up the needle with the desired track and watching the spindle travel elegantly towards the center of the record.'

Sounds from its album cover, placing it on a turntable, lining up the needle with the desired track and watching the spindle travel elegantly towards the center of the record.

In this way, you're physically much more involved in the act of listening, essentially giving life to the artist(s) and becoming a part of the piece, much like when you sing along as your friend plays his or her guitar.

I find this to be so much more interesting than merely clicking

I take great pleasure in listening to vinyl.

There's something very spiritual about unsheathing my father's copy of Pet

through a library of song titles on my computer; there's no character in that!

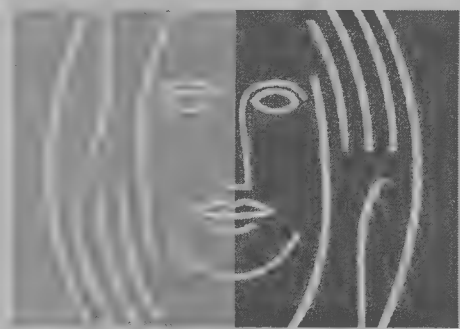
Also, the fact that you're listening to a recording the way the artist(s) originally mixed it and intended for it to be heard is very special as well.

Bob Marley wasn't producing his songs in hopes that one day they would be digitally remastered and re-released on CD with better sound quality; the record was the final, polished product.

I urge all of you with any ambition and an appreciation for a "pure" and "genuine" listening experience to invest some time in digging out your parents' or grandmother's manky, old player, cooking up some lentil soup and chillin' out with some close buds while the motion of the turntable mesmerizes and tantalizes.

Colin Kaferle is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

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Compiled by Dustin Sigler
What do you do
to stay warm?



"It's all about the wool."
Chris Doherty, 2005



"Long underwear and a whole lot
of lovin'."
Jeanne Eisenhaure, 2006



"Pajamas under da pants."
Logan Sena, 2005



"I stay the F**** inside."
Carolyn Warren, 2005



"It's all about the layers. Oh
yeah, and I hired a sex slave for
the winter months."
Anonymous, 2005



"I wake up, I put on my mittens
and put on my warm fuzzy parka,
I eat some oatmeal and then back
to bed."
Jeremy Hudson,
2005

Johnson To Be Dean Of Agricultural School

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Previously she was a faculty member at the University of Hawaii and spent more than 10 years working as a registered dietitian in various health-care and academic settings.

While at Vermont, she was appointed by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services and the U.S. Surgeon General to the 2000 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

She was part of the panel that in September captured national attention when it published the Dietary Reference Intake Report, issued by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine.

Johnson received the 2001 Award for Excellence in Research from the American Dietetic Association Foundation. The findings of her research on flavored milk and children's diets have been widely published in the academic and popular press.

This year she was chosen University Scholar by her UVM colleagues in honor of her research and scholarly excellence.

"Under Rachel's leadership I am confident that we can expect even greater achievements in the future," says Bramley.

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Princeton Considers Backing Michigan Initiatives

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The administration brief did not come out against considerations of race in admissions. Secretary of State Colin Powell, the highest ranking black official in the Bush administration, spoke out against the president Thursday in support of the University of Michigan.

Though the university's admission process is significantly different from Princeton's, a Supreme Court ruling against the University of Michigan would likely affect private universities like Princeton because they accept federal funds. The impact would hinge on the nature of the ruling.

"What we are hoping is that the ruling is about process but does not rule [Bakke] unconstitutional," Tilghman said. "If the court decides to completely overturn Bakke and essentially reverse Justice Powell's very carefully worded opinion that race is one of many considerations, then it will have a direct relevance to us."

Princeton has been in contact with several peer institutions, and Tilghman has "personally" promoted this position to people in Washington, such as Sen. Bill Frist '74, R-Tenn, the new Senate majority leader.

"I think the administration brief is much more positive on our side than I think we had antic-

ipated," Tilghman said. "I think the signs are more positive than negative."

Princeton has practiced a policy of affirmative action in admissions since 1963, when then-President Robert Goheen '40 announced that the University would actively seek to attract and enroll excellent students from underrepresented racial backgrounds.

University Dean of Admission Fred Hargadon declined to comment on how a ruling against Michigan might affect Princeton. However, "The Shape of the River," an extensive study conducted by former President William Bowen GS '58 and former Harvard President Derek Bok, suggests that the consequences for campus diversity might be devastating.

According to Bowen and Bok's analysis of admissions at a range of top universities including Princeton, race-neutral admissions policies would reduce the overall chance of admission for a black applicant from 42 percent to 13 percent.

Similarly, they estimate that the percentage of black matriculants,

in the schools studied would drop from 7.1 percent to 2.1 percent.

At the University of California at Berkeley, which eliminated its affirmative action programs starting with the class entering in the fall of 1998, the proportion of black students in the freshman class fell from 6.8 percent in 1997 to 2.4 percent the next year.

Rice University, which abandoned its affirmative action policies after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the University of Texas Law School's race-conscious policies in 1996, has battled declining minority enrollment by actively recruiting at predominantly-minority schools, asking about "cultural traditions" in their essays and taking note of whether English is an applicant's second language or if an applicant was involved in a minority organization in high school.

Oral arguments in the University of Michigan case will begin in March or April, and the court is expected to issue its ruling in June.

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-Tilghman
Princeton University President

University Faculty Come Closer To Deal As Union

By CARLY BALDWIN
Cynic Staff Writer

Over half of your professors here at UVM are members of United Academics. United Academics officially began in April 2001 as an organized, collective union for all full-time faculty, including lecturers, associated professors and tenured professors.

The union, currently led by Education professor Linda Backus, formed for many reasons: teachers here wanted to ensure that they would receive higher salaries, more job security, and greater control over class sizes and course loads.

United Academics began negotiating with the University administration in December 2001, as union members campaigned for a new contract.

The professors armed themselves with a steady list of grievances.

In the past decade faculty salaries have only slightly increased, while salaries at comparable universities have steadily risen. Of state universities nation-

wide, only professors at the University of North Dakota receive lower average salaries than teachers at UVM.

37% of UVM's full-time faculty are non-tenured, compared to the national average of 15% non-tenured. Job security is another issue: 86% of these non-tenured faculty work without multi-year contracts.

Faculty Numbers:

- 37:** Percentage of full-time faculty who are non-tenured
- 24.1:** Millions of dollars netted by the University in 2001
- 15:** Percentage increase over past 10 years of UVM faculty
- 62:** Percentage increase for school attorney over same period

This means that many teachers here must wait until the end of the spring term to find out whether they will have a job next year or not.

Meanwhile, in the 2000-2001 year for example, the university netted \$24.1 million.

Where does the money go? United Academics claims that UVM's administration spending has increased at double the amount of administration spending at other schools.

For example, while faculty salaries have risen only 15% over the past 10 years, there has been a 62% wage increase for the school attorney, a 42% increase for the provost, and a

41% wage increase for all deans.

Peter Spitzform, a librarian, said he joined United Academics because, "a strong contract for the faculty benefits all...students will not benefit from having an underpaid, overworked teacher, many of those teachers having no job security."

The faculty-administration negotiations continued throughout the 2002 year.

United Academics gathered student and community signatures for petitions supporting their campaign. A rally was held in December 2002, followed by a march on Waterman Building, where the union, students and community members presented President Fogel with the petitions.

Just this past Friday, Jan. 18th, a contract agreement was reached between the administration and faculty. Some highlights of the tentative agreement include a 16% salary increase, the establishment of multi-year contracts and, for the first time, all associate professors will be able to take sabbaticals.

On Feb. 6th a further ratification vote will be held but for now, most members of United Academics seem pleased, calling the contract "a major accomplishment." President Fogel has assured that tuition will not increase with the advent of the new contract.

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CALS Plans Changes with Johnson

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"This college is a critical part of the university's ability to attract great students, with a vibrant and growing research program and serving the agricultural and rural communities of Vermont with distinction."

CALS is the third largest college at UVM (after the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business) with an enrollment of 750 undergraduate and 74 graduate students. UVM has been awarding degrees in agricultural disciplines since 1892.

Rachel Johnson's appointment comes at a key time for the University and the state of Vermont. New Gov. Jim Douglas and Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Kerr recently vowed to make agriculture in Vermont a priority.

"Vermonters proudly tell me that agriculture is part of the soul of our beloved state," says Rachel Johnson. "I'm committed to working with the state to translate the goodwill and the powerful reputation of Vermont agriculture into fair prices for farmers. The University of Vermont's contribution to Vermont agriculture is -- as it always has been -- cutting-edge research, practical education and

hands-on help that farmers and communities can use."

Johnson cites these recent accomplishments:

And last fall a Constructed Wetlands Center was created at the UVM Spear Street farm to serve as a treatment system for farm runoff and a site for research, education and outreach projects.

Prominent ongoing CALS research includes: enhancing the profitability of major Vermont agricultural products -- dairy, maple and apples; protecting the environment through water-quality research and integrated pest management designed to reduce agricultural chemical use; promoting optimal health and nutrition with special emphasis on effective weight control programs; creating economic opportunities for Vermont's small agricultural-based businesses and rural communities; and furthering understanding of plant and animal genetics.

As dean, Johnson will oversee the construction of a new state-of-the-art building to house UVM's plant sciences programs. University officials will request state and federal funds and launch a capital campaign.

In September the college will sponsor this year's Aiken Lecture Series bringing together the country's top speakers to challenge ideas about the role of agriculture and America's epidemic of obesity.

The future of UVM's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is closely linked with the future of Vermont and America. Johnson cites a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences which urges that worldwide changes "require a shift in the purpose of American agriculture, from a focus on efficient food production to a focus on improving public health, social well-being, and a sound environment."

She aims to make sure "CALS is poised to address the complex roles for agriculture in the 21st century -- issues such as tackling pathogens and hazards in the food supply, enhancing peoples' health through nutrition, continuing environmental stewardship and improving the quality of life in rural communities."

Debate Over Abortion Rights Continues

History of the Abortion Debate Timeline of Significant Supreme Court Decisions

Up to mid-1800s: Abortion is legal and common.

By 1900: Abortion is illegal virtually across the country.

1965: In *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Supreme Court overturns a Connecticut law prohibiting use of contraceptives by married couples.

1972: In *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, the Supreme Court strikes down a law banning the distribution of birth control to unmarried adults.

1967 to 1973: Seventeen states rewrite their abortion laws. Four states -- Alaska, Hawaii, New York and Washington -- repeal their bans entirely.

1973: In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* strikes down a Texas law banning abortion. The court divides pregnancy into three trimesters and declares that during the first 13 weeks, the decision should be left up to "the attending physician, in consultation with his patient."

1976: In *Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth*, the Supreme Court strikes down requirements for parents and spouses to consent to abortions.

1980: In *Harris v. McRae*, the Supreme Court upholds the Hyde amendment, which restricts Medicaid funding of abortions to those procedures needed to protect the life of the pregnant woman and to those required in other special circumstances.

1983: In *Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health*, the Supreme Court invalidates a city ordinance requiring, among other things, that all abortions after the first trimester be performed at a hospital and that parental consent be required for abortions on girls under 15.

1986: In *Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists*, the Supreme Court strikes down a Pennsylvania statute requiring a woman seeking an abortion to receive from her doctor a state-sponsored lecture about potential risks and detailing alternatives.

1989: In *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*, the Supreme Court upholds a Missouri law banning the use of public employees or facilities for abortion and requiring physicians to perform tests to determine viability on fetuses of more than 20 weeks' gestation.

1992: In *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, the Supreme Court upholds the core of its *Roe v. Wade* ruling and ban states from outlawing most abortions. But it abandons the trimester plan and instead adopts a new test -- abortion regulations that present an "undue burden" on women's constitutional right will be prohibited.

-NPR Report

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who has discussed the issue of abortion with students both hypothetically and theoretically.

"The Catholic church promotes the value of each life, young and old, it's something sacred."

The Church promotes a initiative called Project Rachel, which helps women with some of the post-traumatic stress associated with abortion.

"The organi-

zation tries to help bringing healing into their lives," said McDermott.

"We realize that our church is a church of sinners, and we welcome everyone back, and we want to feel as welcome as possible."

Along with less women actually having abortions, fewer doctors are providing them as well, as according to the recent study by the Guttmacher Institute.

According to the recent TIME article, "The number of physicians providing abortion is down to 1,800 nationally, from nearly 2,400 in 1992, and 87% of U.S. counties have none at all

"Another indicator: this month the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, the abortion-rights movement's leading organization, officially changed its name for the fourth time, to NARAL Pro-Choice America, dropping the word abortion and adopting the acronym instead."

A common misconception is that all college students are pro-life.

While a recent poll published by Survey Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley, 44% of 15-to 22-year-olds approved of placing some restrictions on abortion, while just 34% of those ages 27 to 59

did, according to the TIME article.

Abortion-rights advocates are no more encouraged by their own data.

A confidential report prepared by the Pro-Choice Public Education Project showed that from 1998 to 2001 there was a 7% decrease, to 57%, in women ages 16 to 25 who described themselves as pro-choice.

"All [young people] hear is from the other side," says Kate

"I think that if people were more careful and smart about birth control, the question of an abortion would not even come up. But, I think that we're all smart enough to make the right decision."

-Amy Christensen

Junior

Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America who told TIME. "We could show pictures of women dead or dying from illegal abortions, but we don't."

After 30 years of legal abortions, many

older members of society feel that younger generations don't fully appreciate the right they have now.

But Christensen feels different. "I don't think women our age take for granted the right to an abortion," said Christensen.

"I think that if people were more careful and smart about birth control, the question of an abortion would not even come up. But, I think that we're all smart enough to make the right decision."

Women in college may or may not be able to care for a child, especially if the father isn't around or isn't willing to help out. Therefore she should be able to have an abortion if she wants to, the option of adoption could come up in that case, but if a woman can't imagine being pregnant while doing homework or trying to play sports then she should have an option."

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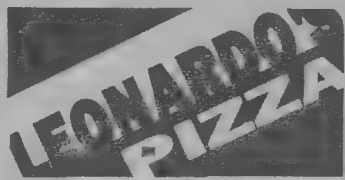


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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Mr. T,

I admit being a bit timid in writing this open letter to you. After all, your gangster image is widely known and respected. Who knows what you and your 'thugs' might do to me if this letter finds you in bad spirits?

Heck, you've even boasted about ending the life of police officers in at least one of your songs. I saw *Leprechaun in the Hood*, and it only validated the threatening, uncompromising attitude your critics claim you harbor. It doesn't help that I've never even been close to the 'hood' you rap about, nor have I ever been a 'pimp'. It might seem like you would have nothing to talk about, but I have lead a life filled with the same hardships and struggles you are so familiar with.

Yes, I too have had 'women problems', but through your example I have learned how to cope with these problems. Take for example my ex-wife; she left me six years ago, leaving me with a large gaping hole in the middle of my heart and one question: "What would Ice-T do?" I thought about it for a while and then took a nap. I had a dream during that nap, with you in it: There I am, standing naked in the front of the classroom with everyone laughing at me again, when suddenly you bust in! Someone asks what you're doing there, and you say, 'It's your world squirrel, I'm just trying to get a nut!'

Then someone else pointed out that you stole that line from the Christmas episode of *The Fresh Prince of Bell-Air*, where

Cousin Will from Philly decorated the Bank's house *his* way. You looked embarrassed and tried to change the subject, but somehow one of the students kept interrupting you, and reminding you that you stole that line from *The Fresh Prince*.

The class then began making fun of your gangster appeal, labeling you 'The Least Threatening Gangster Imaginable'. You then started crying and mumbling something about '...being a pimp' and something else about your son 'Little Ice'. Suddenly I was wearing a jump suit that said: 'I hate Ice-T!' You saw the jump suit and began crying harder. I woke up after that, cleaned myself off, and marched over to my ex-wife's house. I knocked on the door while trying to keep away from the peephole in the door.

She said she could see me and refused to open the door, so I shouted back: 'It's your world squirrel, I'm just trying to get a nut!' I could hear her talking on the phone to the police, so I ran away, content with the knowledge that I had gained a firm grasp on my 'women problems,' and it's all thanks to you Ice-T. Your example has proved invaluable in helping me overcome my own problems, and for that I salute you Ice-T. If you ever need anything, don't hesitate to call or write me.

Your Real Fan/Servant,
Nicholas Green

Next Weeks Letter:
Steven Seagal

Nicholas Green, 34 unemployed divorcee, continues to write letters to celebrities. Although many have criticized both his writing style and his 'lifestyle', Nicholas Green continues to write and live in and around the Burlington area. The other day, Green saw four squirrels chasing a dog and delivered a witty comment which he can no longer recall.

The Fleming Museum: Andy Warhol Work and Play



Photo courtesy of www.flemingmuseum.org

The Fleming Museum will present the exhibition *Andy Warhol Work and Play*, from January 26 - June 9, 2003, the largest exhibition of Warhol's work ever to be shown in northern Vermont. Planning for the exhibition began with a generous offer by John Kilik, a UVM alumnus and celebrated film producer in New York, to loan his collection of Warhol works to the Fleming Museum.

The Fleming will also show a screening, February 9, of Gerard Malanga's (poet, photographer, filmmaker, and Warhol-collaborator), poetry and film.

The Francis Colburn Gallery: 35 Years of UVM Print Making

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

The Francis Colburn Art Gallery will be showing a 35 year retrospective of prints made by UVM artists. The prints range in scope from a bumper sticker proclaiming "Nothing That Fits On A Bumper Sticker Is Worth Believing In," to a print of a multi-colored David Bowie.

"The prints on display show the wide variety of art UVM student have been, and are, capable of," commented Karen, UVM sophomore, "I like the Dada print, but I really liked the censorship print especially. Art should never be censored." Although many students have expressed their satisfaction with the exhibit, there are a few students who feel the exhibit pushes the boundaries of acceptable art too far.

"I just thought some of the prints were a little extreme," said Jenna, UVM Junior, of the 35 year retrospective, "But I understand they represent the changing social and political world we live

UVM freshman and art enthusiast.

"I feel like a couple of the pieces were a bit too kitsch for my tastes," Ken said. "It was interesting seeing the shift in the political world and how it was addressed by these artists, but I still feel like some of the pieces were shown for their shock value."

However, the exhibit enjoyed plentiful reviews of both the negative and positive nature.

"I think that the fact people are talking about the exhibit, shows just how influential art, and print making, can be. Even prints made over 35 years ago, can still evoke a very real response in the viewer. It's a testament to the art itself,"

Commented Nick, a UVM sophomore and Art major.

35 Years of UVM Print Making: A Retrospective, will be shown in the Colburn Gallery



Kristen Rigney/VC Photo Editor

Prints currently on display at the Francis Colburn Gallery in Williams Hall.

in, I just thought some of them were a little more graphic than they needed to be."

Also feeling the exhibit pushed boundaries was Ken,

Habib Koite and Bamada to Play The Flynn

Habib Koite comes from a great line of Malian, Khassonke griots. His grandfather was a virtuoso of the traditional n'goni, his father played guitar and his mother is still a singer. After secondary education he was expected to study engineering but thanks to his uncle, he was pushed towards the National Institute of Arts (NIA) in Bamako where he studied music for four years. During this time he was asked to join the institute's elite <<Star>> band where he was rapidly nominated *chef d'orchestre*.

In 1988 Habib Koite formed his own band Bamada with a line-up of young Malian musicians, amongst them childhood friend and master percussionist, Baba Sissoko, also from a great griot family. The existing group includes Souleymane Ann on drums and vocals, Abdoul Wahab Berthe on bass and Boubacar Sidibe on guitar, harmonica and vocals.

The group honed their skills by touring extensively in Mali, and the great feeling of camaraderie amongst them is self evident during their live performances today.

In 1991 Habib Koite won first prize at the Perpignan Voxpole-Festival, which afforded him the chance to record two tracks, including the hugely successful. Koite and Bamada will

be performing Thursday, February 6, at The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

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Taurus

April 20 - May 20

This week's predictions: You will be chastised by the rest of the swim team when you refuse to take off your shirt for practice.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Spring is on the way and that means one thing: Time for a new wardrobe! Trade those wool slippers in for a leather jacket. And yes, it will help you get sex off a woman.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

This might be a game for you, but it is certainly not for me. It was never about the game for me, it was about respect, and shower time.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

What if you could see Springsteen, Tony Benet, Ted Nugent, and the surviving members of Bow Wow Wow play a free concert? It's a nice idea... in theory, but in the meantime, I'll just listen to Tool and get my heat back. Ah yeah... there it is... Tool.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Astrology, unlike math, chemistry, or physics, is an exact science. I could tell you you're gonna wake up tomorrow and it'd come true. Very exact, but guess what? I'm not gonna tell you you're gonna wake up... because you never went to sleep on account of your roommate having sex on the lower bunk, all the while convincing himself you were asleep. I was awake the whole time.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Avoid Dragons and Pigs this week. A Rooster is an easy choice, but the Snake shares more in common with you. Now hurry up and pay! You think this free!? Where you think you are?! You think you in freeland?! Ha ha ha, that very funny!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

You're failing Astronomy and there's no way to bring up your grade... unless you go out with me, and bring 'up' my 'grade'! Or would it be cool if we just hung out? We could watch The View and talk about what dopes men are! Aha ha ha ha ha! I just thought of a joke: Grow your own dope, plant a man! This is 'good', 'clean' fun. Well guess what I'm gonna give you a 'good grade', now 'clean up'... your academic game.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

A late night booty maul. Yeah, that's right. I'm sending my friend Maul a boot late at night. What did you think I was talking about? Well, any way, when Maul gets that eviction notice late tonight he'll probably make a scene, so I bought a billie club and a can of mace. Another late night booty maul, and then another late night booty maul.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your social life is in the gutter of dweeb road. Now if you dorks are finished I believe I called the next game of POG. Look Mark you didn't call the next game. No, I did call it! Calm down Mark, or as treasurer of the after school activities contingent, A.S.A.C., I'll have to ask you to leave our club house... spaz! I am not a spaz! (fighting that ends after Mark resorts to hair pulling and gets punched in the nose)

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

Try avoiding awkward situations this week. This includes calling someone you know at 1:45 am and offering sexual favors for a chance at infamy. You know who you are.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Being in a relationship means love, every single day. Every day. Seven days a week. 365. Wink-o.

The Many Faces of Cory Feldman



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Hey! Get off your futon and get into the office, now. What's the problem? Not confident in your abilities as they relate to A&E writing? Constantly being disrespected? Come to our meetings, Wednesday at 5 pm in the Basement of Billings, past the radio station. What's that? Can't make it and/or have an acute social disorder that effects your whole life? Drop us a line at vcarts@zoo.uvm.edu

Student Life

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Greek Corner : Spring Rush

By LINDSAY BUDNIK
Student Life Writer

As fraternity and sorority Rush approaches in February, members of UVM Greek life to consider why they love being part of the system.

Community service, academic connections, forming a network of friendships, and social events such as

formals and gatherings with other houses, are among different positive experiences cited by Greek members.

UVM's 10 fraternities and five sororities yield a variety of opportunities that help students grow socially and academically, providing a fulfilling and well-rounded college experience.

In short, many relate that UVM's Greek system embodies being active, involved, and most importantly, having fun!

"I love being in a sorority because I know I can always rely on the support from my sisters," said Jenn Ohler of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Friendship is the backbone of Greek life.

Brothers and sisters are there to help each other with school, stress, and life issues in general.

While not everybody in a house may be best friends, most everyone can connect on some level.

Through the different

activities that Greek houses do as a group, people can not help but bond.

Each brother or sister in a house is unique, and yet everyone comes together in a certain way.

Community service opportunities are an invaluable component of Greek life.

Greeks make a point of giving back to the community by performing

various projects throughout the year.

Furthermore, many houses identify with a certain charity and raise money in support of its cause.

"We spend lots of time

doing community service on the week-

ends," said R a p h a e l Okuturo of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

"Last semester, around Halloween we volunteered at Huntington's annual Haunted Forest for hours.

"It was a very cold Saturday night, and everyone could have been doing something else, but we stayed volunteering to make the Haunted Forest a success."

Greek life also provides academic benefits.

"Having older brothers in the chapter has proven to

be a great resource academically," said Justin McCormick of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

"Being able to ask older individuals for their advice on classes, professors, and post-graduation opportunities is a service that cannot be measured."

Greek life also cultivates leadership skills that are applicable on campus and post-graduation.

As evidenced by the large numbers of Greeks involved with leadership-oriented activities such as the Student Government Association, AdvoCats, Orientation Leaders, etc., it is clear that Greek life encourages its members to get involved on campus through various activities.

Additionally, different leadership positions also exist within each house.

"I was president of my fraternity for a year and I would have to say that it was the single college experience that I feel prepared me a little bit more for the real world," said Matthew Ogelby of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

"Fraternities have a bad reputation for being immature, but I can't think of any other experience that helped me mature more as an individual."



Kristen Rigney/VC Photo Editor

Sorority Rush Event: Alpha Delta Pi at Yankee Lanes Thursday Night

Got A Question That Demands an Answer?

Dr. Schmynic is here to solve all your important problems that you're afraid to ask your parents, your RA and your friends. Don't worry your secret is safe with us.

Dear Dr. Schmynic,

I am having a serious roommate issue about which I don't really want to talk to my RA. My roommate is constantly having guys over to spend the night. I don't want to make a big deal out of it, and my roommate is a nice person, but she definitely sleeps around! Is it just something I need to deal with at college? Is it even my business? I am good friends with my roommate but should I say something anyway?

- Wondering in Wright

Dear Wondering in Wright,

Wow I'm shocked! This just never happened when I was a student. Tisk tisk! Well, I believe that this is a serious issue for the youth of today. You have a couple of options: one, ignore it and stay out of her business, two, if you really care about her, then speak to her in a fashion that is not accusatory or confrontational. Tell her you are worried about her, or three, if you're feeling feisty why not jump into the sack with your roommate and her anonymous lovers? It is up to you.

Have a question for Dr. Schmynic? Send it to us at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu.

New Student Section Liven's Up

Patrick Gym

By AMY VAILLANCOURT
Student Life Editor

Wednesday January 22nd's basketball game between the UVM Catamounts and the University of Maine Black Bears unveiled the new student section at Patrick Gym.

Filled with members of both the Student Government Association (SGA) and Cats Pride Club, who all came out to support the Cats.

The SGA gave away bright green foam paws to the first 250 students to arrive.

Tickets were free to students to help promote the new section, bringing in over 500 students.

"It's a good way to get student support and motivate them to come," said first-year

Maureen Leible.

"SGA's support by encouraging students to attend the game and distributing the cat paws was fantastic and the Athletic Department truly appreciates their support," said Krista Balogh, Director of Marketing & Promotions.

"It's really great they're involved," said senior Alissa Cook.

"They contribute so much."

"It's a good way to get fans together," said first-year Rebecca Cordeau.

"I really enjoy UVM basketball and

our support will help them."

SGA members and other helped to get the fans geared up with the paws.

"I am really excited about the new student sec-

tion," said SGA Vice President Shawna Wells.

"I hope more students use it."

The Cat Pride Club, started in November, sold t-shirts and membership cards through the game.

The Cat Pride Club, where members also receive discounts to games with their membership card, will be present and selling the cards and t-shirts at all home athletic events.

"The idea of the Cat Pride Club is to unite UVM students at athletic events and to show support for UVM," said junior Bryant Jones.

"It is an effort to raise not only Catamount spirit, but also student attendance at games, both of which are crucial in developing a more exciting atmosphere in Patrick Gym and the Gut!

"One of the most important things is that it creates unity and school spirit."

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Student Life Calendar

AROUND CAMPUS

March 1: FAFSA due
Orientation Leader Applications due - Friday February 7th

Resident Assistant Applications due - Tuesday January 28th

Advocat info meeting
January 28th 6-7 p.m.

Catholic Center -
Student Bible Study- Tuesdays at 9pm
Student Prayer Group-
Mon. Jan 27th at 8pm
Interfaith Dinner Jan 31st at 6:30 pm.
The Rosary- On Sundays after the 7pm Mass, we will pray the Rosary with the intention for peace in the world.
The weekly Mass schedule is as follows:
Saturday, 5pm
Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm, and 7pm
Weekdays at 12:15, Wed night mass at 9pm

Alpha Phi Omega
- Mini golf / Pizza
January 30th Billings 6 p.m.

Free dinner programs and information session for students considering moving off campus next fall.

February 4th 6 - 8 PM
Christie/Wright/Patterson

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

Speaker
Anna Deavere Smith,
Thursday February 6
Ira Allen Chapel at 7pm

Thursday January 30th 8:00 - 10:00 PM
The River City Rebels
Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse: L/L
Fireplace Lounge

Friday January 31st 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
L/L Gallery Reception: One's Own Trojan
Horse L/L Gallery by Ellen Arapakos.

Movie: Barbershop
Saturday February 15th
4 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m. at the CC Theatre

Louis Ramey - a comedian for Black history month

Wednesday February 12th
8pm CC Theatre

SA Concerts -
Medeski, Martin and Wood
with The Yohimbe Brothers featuring
Vernon Reid and DJ Logic
on February 28, 2003 in Patrick Gym
doors at 7pm, show at 8pm
tickets \$17 with UVM ID, and \$22 for non-UVM students

CLUB EVENTS and MEETINGS

Salle Catamount Fencing Club
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm
Marsh Dinning Hall (attached to the MAT dorm)

ChemCats Club
[American Chemical Society student affiliate chapter at UVM]
We will be having regular meetings on:
- Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

Women's Rugby
January 28th - under 21 in before 11 pm.
Rasputin's night sponsored by UVM women's rugby

Men's and Woman's Ultimate Frisbee
- all are welcome - at the Patrick Gym

Jan 28 8:30-11pm, tennis courts
Jan 31 8:30-11pm, tennis courts
Feb 2 1-4pm, tennis courts
Feb 3, 10-11pm, Track BB court
Feb 5 4-6pm, Gym
Feb 9 3-5pm, Track BB court
Feb 10 9:30-11pm, Tennis courts
Feb 11 8:30-11pm, Tennis courts
Feb 11 10-11pm, Track BB court
Feb 16 3-5pm, Track BB court
Feb 18 8:30-11pm, tennis courts

Vantage Point
7:30 pm in A500 Old Mill Annex. We accept submissions via email (vantagep@zoo.uvm.edu) or at either of the mailboxes in 304 Williams and 512 Old Mill. The deadline for our spring issue is March 1, 2003.

How Does Your Dorm Rate???

Cynic Staff Report

Dorm life at UVM can be a lot of fun, but they can also really suck with the "proactive" police always on patrol, and the dorms being spread out all over campus. But, the dorms are still home to many of us so it is nice to know what dorms have the most or least on a variety of topics. This "subjective" look should help you do that.

The dorm with the most binge-drinkers

Harris/Millis. Harris/Millis as most know is basically an all freshman dorm. As freshman they may not have a constant hook-up, but when they're hooked up they like to go all out. These freshman want to experience college, and they sure do by staying in their dorm on a Friday night getting belligerently drunk off a case of cheap beer or a handle of vodka that tastes like acetone.

The dorm with the least amount of alcohol consumed

Redstone S.A.F.E. house, but that's too obvious so the VC Staff has decided to choose Living/Learning. True, many residents of L & L enjoy throwing a few back every once in a while, but the per capita alcohol consumption seems to be a bit below the UVM standard.

The dorm with the most pot smokers

Chittenden. The Chitty kids may not be the biggest heads on campus, but their rooms always seem to lack the proper ventilation causing the floors to have a permanent skunky odor.

The dorm with the most drugs

Wills. Wills tops this category mainly because of two very large busts earlier this year. Adding to that there seems to be a large percent of Wills residents whose favorite pastime is the frying of brain cells in the name of mind expansion.

The dorm one is most likely to get away with stuff in

Living/Learning. The A & E Editor might disagree, but for the most part the residents of L & L get away with a lot giving the bedrooms are far away from the suite's entrance.

Most sexually active dorm

Harris/Millis. Harris/Millis has already taken top place for dorm with the most binge drinking, so the fact that it is the most sexually active dorm on campus is no surprise. Think about it, a bunch of horny freshman on co-ed floors.

Most sexually inactive dorm

Jeanne Mance. Do you know anyone who lives in Jeanne Mance? Didn't think so. Also given the fact that kids are willing to loan graphing calculators to random girls simply because they think she's hot. No that's not being nice, that's a sign of desperation and sexual desperation is the tell tale sign of sexual inactivity.

Most male friendly dorm

Simpson. Why Simpson? Who knows? Who's idea was it to pick Simpson?

Most female friendly dorm

Tupper. Two floors of girls in the same building with four floors of guys. The floors are not co-ed so the ladies do not have to worry about guys seeing the way they look when they're fresh out of bed, or when they freak out about their roommate forgetting to record Friends.

The dreadiest dorm

Slade. Surprise! To be fair only four of the twenty-four who reside there have dreads, but what other dorm can boast 16.6 percent of its residents have dreads. Plus, when it comes to home cooked vegetarian and vegan dinners Slade is where it's at.

The smartest dorm

Wright. With a very high concentration of Vermont Scholars and a minimum GPA of 3.0, Wright is the place for you if you're a "smart kid."

The dorm most like a real world episode

Buckham. The residents of Buckham become very close to one another, giving the fact they are secluded from the rest of campus. The closeness doesn't create a unity within the dorm it just creates a lot of drama. It's a dorm where everyone knows everything about everyone.

* ATTENTION ALL CLUBS ! *

- Friday Jan. 31st budgets are due to the SGA office for next year
- Wednesday Feb. 5th monthly reports are due to the Student Activities Committee.

Interested in working for the Student Life Section?
Writing an article for your club or group to tell people about it?
Have an idea for an article? An idea for this section?
- Have an event to publicize? email availlan@zoo.uvm.edu

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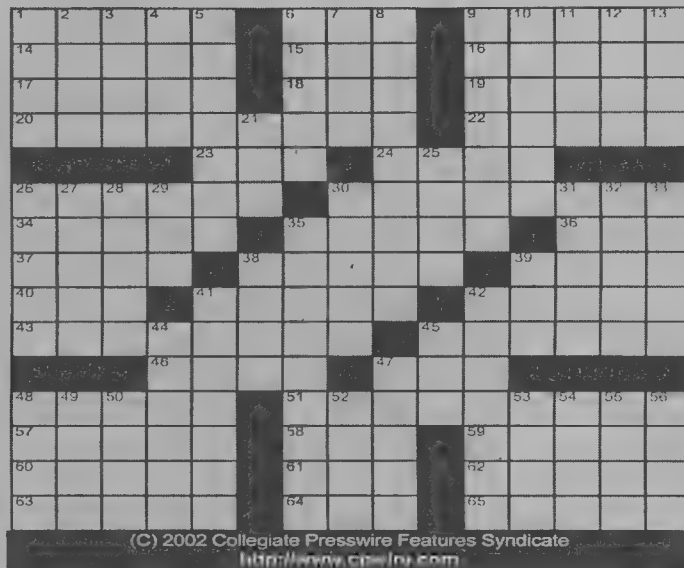
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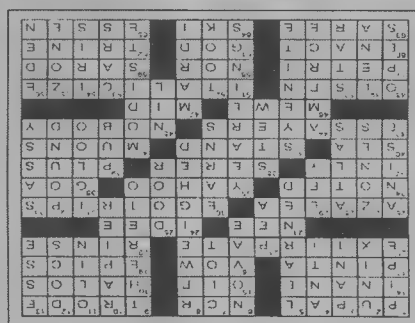
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Hartford Topples Cats' 16-Game Win Streak

UVM men's basketball luminary Taylor Coppenrath named the America East Player of the Week announced by the conference office on Wednesday. It is the second player of the week award for Coppenrath, the 2002 America East Rookie of the Year, who also earned the honor in November.

The 6-foot-9 sophomore forward leads the conference in scoring averaging 21.4 points per game while tallying 20 or more points in eight of his 14 contests. He also is fourth in rebounding (6.6 per game), second in field goal percentage (48%) and fourth in free throw percentage (81%).

On Wednesday night's win over Maine, Coppenrath had 19 points and nine rebounds as Vermont held off the Black Bears, 65-59, in America East action at the Patrick Gym.

The win was the third straight and the eighth in nine games for the Catamounts (11-8, 5-2 America East) who also extended their school-record home court win streak to 16 games. The streak was the 11th best current home winning streak in the nation until the Cats lost to Hartford on Saturday.

The Black Bears (8-10, 3-3) took advantage of eight turnovers and cold Vermont shooting after the break to gradually whittle the margin down. The Cats made just three of their first 15 field goal attempts to start the half to let Maine come back.

Grant Anderson, David Hehn and Coppenrath each hit a pair of free throws to give the Cats the lead again and then they iced it on Germain Njila's long

three-pointer. Vermont ran the shot clock down to one second and the game clock to five seconds before Njila sealed the win by swishing a 35-footer.

In addition to Coppenrath, Goia finished with 14 points including five three-pointers. Matt Sheftic chipped in with six points and seven rebounds while Anderson added eight points, five rebounds and five steals.

Both teams shot 43% from the floor but the Catamounts went seven-for-15 from long range while the Black Bears hit on just six-of-19 three-pointers.

On Saturday afternoon, during Hartford's visit to the Patrick Gym, Jerrell Parker scored 15 points, all in the second half, as the Hawks topped Vermont, 63-55.

The loss snapped the Catamounts' school-record 16-game home winning streak, which was the 11th longest current run in the nation. On November 24, 2001, Cleveland State was the last visitor to win at Patrick Gym, defeating Vermont, 72-69.

"I thought our great strength was our toughness and I still believe that, but they were way tougher," Brennan conceded. "They got every loose ball; they got offensive rebounds; they just punched us in the nose and we didn't come back."

Parker led a balanced Hartford attack but it was poor second half shooting that hurt the Catamounts. UVM shot just 29% from the field after the half and

made just two-of-15 three-point attempts. A trapping defense by the Hawks helped force Vermont to make 11 second half turnovers. Hartford helped themselves by shooting 50% from the floor in the second half including three-for-six from three-point range.

Behind 12 points by Taylor Coppenrath, Vermont led, 30-24, at the break. But they missed their first seven field goal attempts, and two chances at the line, to open the second half.

The Hawks (9-8, 4-2 America East) took advantage of the draught as Parker's lay-up capped a 14-2 run to give them a 38-32 lead with 13 minutes left. Two shot-clock beating three-pointers by Ryan Stys, and another trey by Parker, each held off Vermont comeback bids down the stretch.

"We just didn't come ready to play, and this team, for sure, did," senior co-captain Grant Anderson said.

Coppenrath finished with a game-high 21 points and had a team-high seven rebounds. With 10 points, Grant Anderson was the only other Catamount to score in double figures.

Coupled with Northeastern's win over Boston University this afternoon, Vermont (11-8, 5-2) still remains in second place in the America East just a game behind the Terriers (6-1). The Catamounts next play at New Hampshire on Wednesday.

-SportsInfo



Meghan Capozzi/VC Staff

The Cats struggled to gain control on the court against Hartford Saturday.

Ski Team Continues to Succeed

The University of Vermont ski team finished second at the University of New Hampshire Winter Carnival Saturday, ending with 633 points, just six points less than winning team Dartmouth.

In Friday's giant slalom events, Vermont's Hilary McCloy won her first EISA race, while senior captain Gillian McFetridge was second and Jane Lemasurier was fourth. Other Catamounts in the top 10 included Madaileine Krebs, who was fifth, and Erin Mascolino, who was ninth.

For the men, sophomore Jimmy Cochran won his third straight race while senior captain Scott Kennison was 10th.

Saturday, the UVM men's Nordic team put together an impressive race in the 20-kilometer classical. Sophomore captain Ethan Foster won the race, while Jordi St. John was second and Dave Smutok ninth.

In the women's 15-K classical, junior captain Emily Klemp

was 13th. In the slalom races, Jamie Kingsbury finished second while McFetridge took third.

For the men, junior captain Matt Knittle finished fourth and Paul Epstein was fifth. Vermont hosts the UVM Winter Carnival this weekend at Stowe on Friday and Saturday.

Ethan Foster, a sophomore captain on the University of Vermont nordic ski team, has been selected to the United States team that will compete in the inaugural Under-23 World Championships next month in Italy.

Ethan Foster isn't the only current Catamount skier competing internationally. His younger brother, Ryan Foster was named to the U.S. Under-20 World Championship team that will compete in Soleftea, Sweden from Feb. 4-9, while UVM sophomore Lowell Bailey is finishing up competing in the biathlon at the World University Games in Forni Avoltri, Italy.

-SportsInfo

Women's Basketball Drops Two to Fall to 2-3

Maine handed Vermont its worst America East loss in head coach Keith Cieplicki's tenure, 64-38. It was also Maine's biggest margin of victory since March 9, 1996 when the Black Bears defeated the Cats 88-55 in the conference finals.

The Black Bears also outscored Vermont 34-6 in the paint in the second half.

Sophomore Katie McNamara (Essex Junction, Vt.) was Vermont's lone player to reach double-figures in the scoring column (11 pts). Junior Theresa LaRocque added eight points, five assists and four rebounds in the contest.

On Saturday afternoon's loss to Hartford, Morgan Hall (Hanover, NH) was Vermont's

leading scorer, netting a game-high 23 points, grabbing five rebounds and handing out four assists. Sophomores Lani Boardman (York, Maine) and McNamara added 11 and 13 points, respectively.

The Cats will take on UNH this Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Patrick Gymnasium.

-SportsInfo

Fun In a Gondola

Continued from back.

with Abercrombie wearing teens who may or may not have put their skis on that day.

I got in line and tried to buy a chicken sandwich but when I saw the price I got really confused; I didn't want to send the chicken to college, just eat it. My lack of funds caused me to savor two granola bars while I watched cell phone conversations and PDA using by 13 year olds.

By then I'd had enough of the lunch crowd so I grabbed my skis and skated uphill to the equivalent distance of the Olympic biathlon only wishing I had a gun to shoot every person who didn't know how to ski on a flat section and got in my way.

The gondola line moved fast

enough but once on it I wanted to be back in line. I got sandwiched between a deodorant-free local and a helmet wearing middle aged father. The local kept to himself while licking the window and saying, "Oh my gosh, mine tastes like strawberries, what does yours taste like Grandpa?" The father talked to his wife over his walkie talkie, wondering if they should go to the spa or the bar first or just both at the same time.

I prayed that I would never turn out like either of my gondola mates.

The gondola brought me to more crowds and more of the WSATGZZC. So I headed over to the park for some wholesome self-inflicted pain. I would tell

you all about it but I can't because I never went off one jump because of all the seven and eight year olds that stood on top of the jumps riding down the side of them while their parents took "action shots" of them.

The entire day I got in nine runs and after some quick math I figured out that I worked an entire day for minimum wage to pay for each run. On the way out I watched teens toss their \$1000 skis onto the concrete without a care.

When I got back to the dorm my roommate asked me how it was and I replied with a question that could be the only fitting way to wrap up a day like I had, "Want to have a Vin Diesel movie marathon?"

Lady Cats Nab Win From Wayne State

Continued from back

Vermont, 3-15-2, evened the score at 1-1 midway through the second period when Agnew scored on the power play. The goal was assisted by Heather Fifield and Abbey Kaknes.

The Catamounts took a 2-1 lead late in the second period when freshman Lindsey Tilbury scored from the left circle. Agnew assisted on the goal, Tilbury's third of the year.

Wayne State tied it at 2-2 in the third period when Zamora tipped in a shot from the point at 6:10. Heidi Burns and Krissy

Langley assisted on the tally, which came just after a Wayne State two-minute power play. The Warriors then took a 3-2 lead when Zamora scored her second at 17:18 of the third period.

Agnew then scored her second of the game at the 17:53, tipping in a shot from Heather Fifield. Becky Daley also assisted on the goal, Agnew's team-leading fifth of the year.

Vermont goaltender Kami Cote had 40 saves in 65 minutes, while Wayne State goalie Katrina Hodgeson stopped 35.

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Hockey Cats Split the Difference in ECAC Action This Weekend

Vermont's Jeff Corey scored two goals and Scott Mifsud recorded three assists as the Catamounts offense continued to excel in a 5-3 win over Rensselaer Friday night in ECAC Division I men's ice hockey action at UVM's Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Vermont, which scored five goals in 4:50 in a 6-4 win at Dartmouth last Saturday night, continued the offensive wizardry against the Engineers, getting four goals in a dominating second period that saw the puck in Vermont's offensive zone for much of the stanza. Rensselaer rallied for three third-period goals to make it close.

"There's no way we're five goals better than RPI," Vermont coach Mike Gilligan said. "That's a pretty good team, and we just got some bounces tonight."

The Catamounts, now 8-11-3 overall and 5-7-0 in ECAC play, took a 1-0 lead late in the first period when Corey converted a nice 2-on-1 pass from Mifsud and slid the puck past Rensselaer's Kevin Kirk at 13:43. Mifsud corralled the puck at center ice, broke in down the left wing and deked out the RPI defenseman before feeding Corey in the slot. Corey kept the puck low and slid it past Kirk for his fourth goal of the season. The Catamounts owned much of the play in the first, piling up 13 shots on net to Rensselaer's six.

Vermont made it 2-0 early in the second when freshman Ben Driver scored his second career goal on a rebound, lifting the puck high to beat Kirk from a tough angle. Joey Gasparini and Chris Smart assisted on the goal, which came at 1:46.

The Catamounts continued to pour it on, with Corey getting his second of the game from Bryson Busniuk and Mifsud at

4:12, and Brady Leisenring banging in his seventh of the season from Baron Becker and Jason Fortin at 6:04. Junior Jeff Miles scored his 13th goal of the season at 8:18, with Mifsud threading a great pass to him from the point while the Catamounts were on the power play. Thomas Hajek also assisted on the goal.

Rensselaer, 8-15-2 overall and 2-7-2 in ECAC play, got on the board early in the third period when Kirk MacDonald took a pass from Nick Economakos and beat Vermont's Shawn Conschafter at 2:30. Mikael Hammarstrom then scored at 9:29 to make it 5-2, and Keith McWilliams scored his second of the year at 15:23 to cut Vermont's lead to 5-3.

Conschafter made 22 saves for Vermont, while Kirk finished with 15 before being replaced by Nathan Marsters. Marsters had 11 saves.

Gilligan commented on the play of Corey, who is 3-5-8 in the last six games, and Mifsud, who has five assists in the last two games.

"(Corey) is a pretty solid freshman," Gilligan said. "He makes some good decisions out there, and he's got some company. Mifsud is an exceptionally intuitive player who knows where the puck is going and has been working very hard."

In Saturday's game against Union, the Dutchmen's Jordan Webb converted a 2-on-1 with Nathan Gillies midway through the third period to lead the team to a 4-2 win over Vermont in the Cats second home game on the weekend.

Webb's goal, at 11:54 of the third period, capped a nice comeback by the Dutchmen, who trailed 2-0 before reeling off four unanswered goals, the last going into an open net.

Vermont took a 1-0 lead late



Megan Capozzi/VC Staff

Shawn Conschafter made whopping 22 saves during Friday's game against RPI.

in the first period on Jeff Miles' team-leading 14th goal of the season while Vermont had a two-man advantage. Scott Mifsud and Thomas Hajek assisted on the goal, which came at 15:47. Miles got the puck to the right of Union goaltender Kris Mayotte and banked the puck off a Union defender and into the net.

Vermont outshot Union, 7-4, in the opening period, and goaltender Shawn Conschafter, making his eighth straight start for the Catamounts, continued to shine. His best save of the period was a sparkling stick stop on Gillies with 6:37 remaining while Union was on the power play.

The Catamounts made it 2-0 with another power-play goal in the second period, this one off the stick of Brady Leisenring at 9:59. Leisenring camped in the slot, and freshman Jeff Corey took a pass from Gerard Miller and went behind the net before finding Leisenring, who one-timed a low shot past Mayotte

for his eighth goal of the season.

Union, 9-11-4 and 5-5-2, cut into the Vermont lead when Gillies scored on the power play at 11:51. Webb and Kris Goodjohn assisted on the goal, Gillies' 11th of the season. The Dutchmen then tied it early in the third when Brian Kerr scored from a tough angle, beating Conschafter high to the stick side at 4:15. Randy Dagenais took the initial shot that Conschafter stopped, but Kerr gathered the rebound and shot from the low circle to the left of the Vermont net. Chris DiStefano also assisted on the goal, Kerr's sixth of the season.

After Webb's game-winner, Scott Seney scored into the empty net to make for the final margin. Conschafter recorded 15 saves for Vermont, while Mayotte stopped 23 for Union.

The Cats are on a road trip next weekend, taking on Yale and Princeton

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\$120,000 For a Chicken Sandwich?!?!?

By BRETT WEIR
West Cost Cynic Sports Analyst

Despite the cold and harsh conditions that Mother Nature was dealing the Northeast region, I spontaneously decided that it was time to beat the dormitory doldrums and head out to the slopes.

With the aid of two separate alarms and many dirty remarks from my weary roommate, I awoke with high hopes of hurling my carcass of jumps, bottomless powder and snowy freedom.

I fought the early morning hockey and ski crowd at Dunkin Donuts and stuffed myself with as much artificial frosting and jelly as I could. Upon feeling sick to my stomach I headed south to a certain nameless mountain that rhymes with what happened to my car when I left it in handicapped parking in front of Simpson Hall overnight.

I followed the caravan of SUVs into the parking lot where everyone piles out of their vehicles and stands in the middle of everyone else's way. The parking lot of a ski resort often times requires as much skill and street smarts as beating the house in Vegas. First of all, the parking lot attendants are basically road cones; avoid eye contact with them while they try and direct you as far from the lodge as they can. Then fit your car into that space that the oversized SUVs use to open their doors in.

I got to the ticket line where parents dished out \$50 to have their child sit in the lodge and play arcade games. I paid the same amount for that lift ticket that I did for my Accounting book (both rip-offs).

When I finally got outside I looked at the lift line that looked like the ride for Space Mountain at Disney World during February vacation. I contemplated walking up the slope myself. Luckily, there was a guy there who walked around with a backpack full of hot chocolate for everyone to warm up with. I got a cup slightly smaller than a shot glass which instantly froze solid.

I watched an entire family ski directly across my already out of date skis (purchased one year ago) while all three children whined with discontent that they had to be skiing for more than an hour at a time.

At the summit of the mountain a brisk breeze met me in the face like an Evander Holyfield sucker-punch. I instantly fell into a coma and by chance woke up as the neophyte snowboarder who rode the lift with me fell on his friend who fell onto me pounding me into the ice as we disembarked from the lift.

I chose a nice cruiser to warm up on where the We Ski Across the Trail in Giant Zig-Zags Convention was being held. I was more stressed on that one run than I was during the entire week of finals last semester.

After a few more delightful runs in the woods, I decided I could go for some lunch. The lodge was filled

Women's Hockey Fares Better in Second Contest vs. Wayne State



Megan Capozzi/VC Staff

Jenny Agnew goes for the gold... the green and gold that is.

Two third period goals by Jessica Haydahl and Laurie Petchar lifted Wayne State to a 2-0 victory over Vermont (3-15-2), in non-conference women's hockey action at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Haydahl re-directed a shot on net by teammate Cheryl Anderson past UVM goaltender Tiffany Hayes for what proved to be the game winner at 9:32 of the final period. Petchar added the insurance goal at 14:13 converting a pass through the crease from Kim Spaulding.

Both teams played through two scoreless periods with each having good scoring opportuni-

ties. Hayes finished the afternoon with 44 saves, while Anna Vander-Marliere made 28 saves to pick up the shutout for Wayne State (6-12-1).

In the Saturday rematch between the two teams, Wayne State's Kelly Zamora scored two third-period goals but Vermont's Jenny Agnew had two for the Catamounts in a 3-3 overtime tie.

Wayne State took a 1-0 lead at the 8:11 mark of the first period when Kristi Thome ripped a shot from the point that eluded Vermont goaltender Kami Cote. Laurie Petchar and Katie Jones assisted on the goal.

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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN AND WOMEN LOST IN THE COLUMBIA TRAGEDY

U.S. Congressmen Propose Possible Universal Draft

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

Draft cards, conscientious objectors, and protests. Sounds like something our parents dealt with, right?

This scene could become a reality for today's college students as two Democrat representatives, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) and John Conyers (D-MI) are proposing a bill to bring back the military draft.

Their proposed bill would force military or national service for both men and women aged 18-26, without exemptions for college or graduate studies, both changes from the earlier draft of older wars, including Vietnam.

"I believe that if those calling for war knew that their children were likely to be required to serve -- and to be placed in harm's way --

there would be more caution and greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq," Rangel said at a news conference to Reuters.

Conyers agreed, according to the statement provided to Reuters. "It has unfortunately become the duty of someone else's child to go to war and die as the privileged evade the tragic consequences of war."

While after the attacks of Sept. 11, many men and women

volunteered to serve our country, the idea of forced service frightens and angers many students.

ridiculous idea, and not fair to students. It would be like another Vietnam."



This scene could become more familiar if the draft were to be reinstated.

"If they forced the draft, there would be a huge outcry," said one UVM male student. "That's a

mental and moral evaluations are done, and local and appeal are activate. Finally the induction

notices are sent, and the first draftees are inducted.

Many believe that it will be instated, with the large military we already have.

"I don't think the draft will be reinstated," said freshman Erik Stier.

"I do feel as though in many ways, the discussion of reinstating the draft is an effort to build up an even greater anti-war sentiment throughout the general public."

While the chance of reinstating the draft seems slim, at the moment, to many, the chances of women becoming involved seems even less likely.

According to Selective Service, the law as it's written refers specifically to "male persons" in saying who can register and who can be drafted.

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War and Tragedy Vie For American Attention

By JEFF HASTINGS

Wednesday, February 5th Secretary of State Collin Powell is expected to provide new evidence, Saddam Hussein's "smoking gun", concerning the dangers of Iraq. His statement will be meant to convince the United Nations Security Council, and more importantly the American people, of the necessity of going to war with Iraq.

The Bush administration needs the public's support, and therefore needs the public's attention, when Powell reiterates the

reasons for war with Iraq and states the new-found dangers.

This week America was supposed to be focused on Gulf War II, but Saturday's devastating loss of the space shuttle Columbia has stolen the spotlight. The consciousness of America ever-guided by the media has now turned away from the Iraqi problem and towards the mourning of the seven lost astronauts.

Newsweek's Howard Fineman suggested that America's emotional attention span is directed at what the media presents them. Currently, as can be seen by every headline on

NYTimes.com, the Columbia tragedy is leading America's concerns.

On the Sunday morning talk shows several pundits expressed that the Bush administration will have a hard time pushing the war agenda while the nation is in mourning. America has been reminded of the great pain felt by the loss of heroes.

With the knowledge that a war could bring much greater loss of life and elite individuals, America might become more skeptical of the war.

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Students Have Suspect Study Habits

U-Wire

This year's freshmen class studied less in high school than any class in at least 37 years, a new UCLA study says.

According to a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, a record-high number of students spent fewer than six hours doing homework their senior year of high school, with 15.9 percent of students reporting they studied less than one hour per week.

Despite not studying as much, over 45 percent of entering freshmen at four-year colleges and universities in 2002 reported earning an "A" average in high school.

"What we're finding is students are able to get better grades than ever before and put less time into studying," said Linda Sax, a UCLA education professor, who directed the survey.

Students are more informed about what it takes to get an A, said Sax, which sometimes means contesting grades with teachers or having parents speak with teach-

ers about students' grades in high school. There is an increase in focus on actual grades, paired with a decrease in focus on good study habits to earn those grades, Sax said. "It's just not as hard to get an A as it used to be in high school," Sax said.

These dwindling rigors of high school may leave many lacking readiness for college.

"In high school, it was more mechanical work, but (in college) you have to read and learn material," said Kay Lee, a first-year aerospace engineering student.

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Internal Investigation Reveals True Cynic

CYNIC INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

2:39 AM on Monday morning in Billings 1-122 with the janitors cleaning the hallways the Cynic Staff is hard at work.

One would think at this point in the night the paper would be nearly completed, but it's not the case on the average Monday morning.

The Cynic truly is an independent student newspaper; it is self-supported financially, with the only support from the university being the use of space in the basement of Billings for the Cynic office.

Students run the finances, the

construction, and the distribution of the paper.

The staff is young with all but one of the editors being freshman and sophomores.

Leadership comes from sophomore Editor-in-Chief Kristin Dobbs, who oversees the making of the publication.

At 4:30p.m. Wednesdays the editors meet to discuss the upcoming paper, they decide what articles will run in given section and stories they want to cover.

At 5:00 the general meeting starts where the writers and photographers join the editors.

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Art of Childhood?



Dustin Sigler/VC Staff

Ellen Arapakos art is on display at the L/L gallery. The show is heavily invested in enlargements of children's faces. The artist says of her art, I wish to give expression to the material existence of mothering in its particularity.

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Double Standards in Today's Society

With recent debates over affirmative action and abortion, and most recently a possible universal draft, many people have been debating and discussing the double standards that our culture fosters and promotes.

It's ok for some things to count for admittance into an university (legacy status, athletic ability, extracurriculars) but not race and gender.

It's not ok to have an abortion and "kill" a child, but it's alright to kill many men sitting on death row.

It's alright to want equal rights for women, and many believe that should include on the front lines of the combat zone.

Should we as a society accept some double standards as common practice, and not allow others? Isn't that a double standard in itself?

While minorities shouldn't have overly preferential treatment over white students just because of their race, one has to remember all of the unfair treatment many students receive before they even apply for college.

Standardized testing is designed for white males, along with the other setbacks of poor elementary and secondary education. Vocabulary tests involving yachts and math questions involving ski passes in Vail does not apply to the average student. There is discrimination from the get go for these students, why shouldn't that be taken into consideration?

If a student hasn't the opportunity to

study and learn the same way as a white kid in rich suburbia, why should he/she be punished?

Why is death ok for some things, and not for others? While many people say that the babies who are killed by abortion didn't deserve it, while the men/women who sit on death row did.

Yet on the other hand, many believe that abortion is a right not to be taken away, yet it's not ok to take away the life of someone who's broken a major law. What makes someone's life more valuable than another's?

With the threat of institution of a draft for not only men but women, many men say that's it about time. Many feel that with today's advancement in technology, sheer physical strength is not needed to be a fit soldier.

While this is true, many contest that until women are equal in other aspects of society, including pay and job placement, that they shouldn't be forced to be equal on the front lines.

Taking a set stance on any issue takes more than looking and agreeing on one side. Behind every side is a complicated, intertwined mess of contingencies and double standards.

Take a look around before making a set decision about a topic. Challenge the double standards on many issues, and don't stop until you discover the real truth. You might find after awhile that your clear-cut answer isn't so clear anymore.

Corrections:

- The letter written by John Abbott in the Jan. 28 issue was not intended for publication.
- The 'A' given to the Sigma Phi Society in the Jan. 28 issue did not have any purposeful suggestion of alcohol consumption.

As & Fs

As

- To the warm weather. It has finally given us a chance to stretch our legs and defrost for a moment.

- To sweet, sweet caffeine, especially in coffee. What decent college student could live without it?

- To the wonderful bakers at Dunkin Donuts who allow dozens of donuts to magically appear at all times of the night.

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Fs

- To the TP at this school, if you could even call the tree bark that. Thirty grand a year for what?

- To Bush the Unwise for cancelling the poetry forum, limiting our free speech in fear that it'll be anti-war.

- To the apathy on campus, including that which extends to the school newspaper.

If you are a graduate or undergraduate student at the University of Vermont and are interested in writing, photography or advertising sales, attend the next Cynic meeting on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the basement of Billings.

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Keep Your Laws off My Body

To the Editor:

First off, allow me to take a very deep breath to settle myself...okay, now I am ready.

I consider myself a very liberal and open-minded person. Hence, I believe that, when undertaking a debate of any kind, both sides of it absolutely need to be heard and taken into consideration. At some point before explaining where you personally may stand concerning an issue, the best way to make an informed decision is to be willing to hear both bodies of information.

However, there is one exception to my rule: Abortion. It makes no sense to me whatsoever as to why there has been such an ongoing debate surrounding this topic. There is only one side that should ever need to be taken, thus extinguishing one of the most obnoxious debates ever to have risen to our awareness: Pro-Choice vs. Pro-Life.

I am fully aware of how many Pro-Lifers I may be offending right now, but hopefully after reading this, they will realize and understand how extremely tyrannical their side of this issue is.

By saying you are Pro-Life, you are saying that women should not have the freedom to decide what is best for their own bodies. By saying you are Pro-Life, you are denying to women the most basic possession that every person owns: their body. Tell me, who exactly do you think you are?

What makes you think that you can tell

a woman what she can or cannot do concerning the life of her fetus? Do you really thrive that much on such a sick power trip? It amazes me really how cheeky and obtrusive people can be.

Let me give you a scenario: imagine the twelve-year-old girl who was raped by her father and got pregnant. Please be so kind as to humour me with a reason why she should not undergo an abortion and why it would be much more beneficial that she birth the child of her father.

Just keep turning this example over in your mind until you realize how wrong you are to try to force such a young girl to deliver a product of incest. I can somehow picture the strictest Pro-Lifers somehow swallowing their pride and sheepishly admitting that, "Yes, I suppose abortion could be necessary in some cases."

Some cases. Well, make up your mind, would ya? If you are saying that there could be an exception in certain cases, then I do not think you are completely fulfilling your duty as the overbearing Pro-Lifer. I always thought Pro-Life meant anti-abortion. You are either for it or against it; there really cannot be any blurred lines in the issue of abortion.

So to end this horrific debate, why don't all of you Pro-Lifers open your eyes and recognize how ignorant and oppressive you are being? Step over to the brighter side-I promise you we'll greet you with open arms.

Raquel Rivera
Class of 2005

Don't Worry, 'Bee Happy

To the Editor:

In 1967, Joel Silver introduced the game of ultimate frisbee to Columbia high school in Maplewood, NJ, and two years later, in 1969, the first competitive team was formed and a new sport was born.

Ultimate doesn't have referees or positions. There are just seven people on a team trying to move a frisbee into an end zone without it hitting the ground and without players moving once they catch it. These unique aspects of the game give it a special flavor that few sports can match.

This style is kept perpetually alive through what is known as the spirit of the game. Ever since the game's origins, ultimate has carried with it an emphasis on spirit. The spirit of the game has been defined many ways by many people, but its essential meaning refers to a common knowledge amongst players that the only reason to be playing is to have fun. This understanding ensures that all players have respect for each other and keep a friendly attitude on the field.

Most conventional sports have referees who function as mediators between two teams that are going to battle. In ultimate, there are no referees and no real positions because there do not need to be. There doesn't need to be a referee ensuring that rule 18 B of the 11th addition rulebook gets enforced. Players call their own fouls when necessary and fill in positions on the field where needed.

Thus, ultimate works because players keep in mind the spirit of the game so that a disc can make it down field and so that games can work peacefully. The ability to keep the game peaceful is a truly phenomenal feat when taking into consideration that there is nothing more tempt-

ing than floating plastic. No game has ever seen so many participants dive face first into the ground just to make a disc barely out of reach slowly stop spiraling in their hand.

Ultimate players truly go all out; this seemingly peace-loving game for hippies and dogs develops a new twist when players layout over the tops of one another for a disc. As the game gets more and more intense, the spirit of the game then becomes more important as players can't help but get competitive and heated about play.

The name 'hand candy' has been applied to frisbees, and anyone who has ever leisurely tossed a disc on a beautiful summer day knows how well this term applies. The aerodynamics of a frisbee fascinate people and automatically make them happy just by defying gravity with their lofty flight. Thus, the attitude of ultimate frisbee is wrapped around the frisbee itself.

Even when a disc flies fast and hard, it maintains its seemingly calm and peaceful flight. The game always has and always will have the same feel as a game of backyard football. Players want to win, but not that badly, they try hard, but only as hard as they want to and they compete for themselves because it's fun.

Ultimate is a simple game that breaks away from the overly complicated world of sports and the world in general. An ultimate player knows to do what feels good and spread that feeling by running around with friends and toys. To learn more, visit www.uvm.edu/~frisbee.

Jesse Bernstein
Class of 2005

Why You Wanna Give Me a Run-Around?

"Hi, I was wondering who I could talk to about studying abroad in Ireland?"

I ask a shorthaired woman sitting behind a side desk at the Study Abroad Office in Living and Learning section B.

"Have you attended an info session?"

"Yes, I already know which program I want to go on. I just need to know if it's approved by UVM."

"Have you compared it with the approved programs sheet?"

"No. Where's that?"

"Right over here."

She leads me down a short hallway into a room on the right, holding one long couch and a wall stacked with brochures and pamphlets about studying in different countries.

The approved program sheet is a stack of about twenty pages laminated in orange tinted paper.

She hands it to me and says, "If you have any questions, feel free to ask Sarah."

Sarah peeps her head out from her corner desk behind the door and smiles.

I sat down on the sofa and flipped through the stack of papers in search of my program.

It wasn't there.

I figured it wouldn't be because the program I picked, a six-week intensive writing course in Galway, Ireland, doesn't correspond with any majors we have here at UVM.

I glance over at Sarah, hidden in the corner and ask, "Let me ask you something. I already know what program I want to go on. I have it right here in my bag. But it's not approved according to this sheet. Is there a way to get around that? Is there somebody here I can talk to?"

"Have you been to an info session?"

"Well, no, actually," I lower my voice.

"I figured that since I already picked my program I didn't need

to go to one."

"You really need to go to an info session."

"Okay, but none of the scheduled info sessions times work for me."

The office posts a sign up sheet outside the office for three scheduled times a week.

If you have class or a prior engagement, you're out of luck.

I have classes for the next three weeks of scheduled times.

Sarah replies, "Well, we can set you up with a peer advisor to have a one on one info session."

"Who do I see about that?"

"You can set one up with me."

"Okay, how's right now?"

"Right now doesn't work for me."

"Okay, how about tomorrow?"

"I can only do info sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays."

"How about next Monday? This time?"

"Well, I'm new here. I'm not sure I'll be prepared by Monday."

"So can I come Wednesday?" "Yeah, okay, um, here's my email address so you can email me what time you want to come."

She hands me a neatly folded piece of paper.

I don't take the paper from her hand.

"I can come at this time next Wednesday."

"Oh, well, here, just in case you..."

She hands me the paper again.

"I'm not going to change my mind. Look," I lower my voice again, "I know which program I want to go on. It's right here in my bag. I'm all ready to apply. All I need to know is how to appeal it to UVM. Is there any chance that I can talk to someone about this right now?"

"Well, we do have a woman who specializes in Ireland, but..." she hesitates.

"Hold on."

She walks five steps to the end of the sofa and slides inside the open doorway that leads to a private office.

I hear lowered voices for a half a minute and then Sarah steps back out.

"Margaret really thinks you should attend an info session first."

I take a deep breath.

"When can I talk to Margaret?"

"Well, she doesn't do her own scheduling. You can make your own appointment at the main office."

"Thanks."

I throw my bag over my shoulder, pick up my jacket and march off down the short hall to the main office.

"Hi."

A new girl greets me.

"Hi, I need to make an appointment to see Margaret, the woman who specializes in Ireland."

"Have you been to an info session?"

"No, but..."

"Well, you can't see a peer advisor until you go to an info session."

She looks down.

"I am aware of this. I have an info session set up next Wednesday at 11:15."

"Great."

"I want to set up a meeting with Margaret as soon as I can after that."

"Alright, when's a good time for you?"

"How about right after my info session? Around 12:00?"

She plunks a few keys on the keyboard and scrolls down the screen.

"Margaret's not in on Wednesdays."

"Oh, really?"

Isn't Margaret in her office right now?

Isn't it Wednesday?

"Then how about

Thursday?"

"Can you come sometime between nine and 11?"

"I have class until 12:30."

"Margaret leaves at 12:00 on Thursdays."

I grit my teeth.

"How about Friday?"

"Margaret isn't in on Fridays."

"Okay, when can I meet with Margaret?"

"How's Monday? 3:00?"

"Fine."

"You better come at 3:30 just to be safe."

"So the soonest appointment I can get with Margaret is a week from next Monday?"

"Yeah, sorry."

"Look," I lean down, put

both hands on her desk and look her dead in the eyes.

"All I need to know is how to appeal the program I want to go on. I already know which program I'm going on. It's here in my bag. Do you know who I can talk to about this?"

"I think you learn about that at the info session."

I stand straight again, shoulder my pack and pull my hat over my head.

"Great, thanks."

I stride out of the office and open the doors to the outside.

A huge gust of wind throws a tuft of snow into my eye.

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With a Little Help from My Friends

During the day, it is hard not to run into people. I pass with a few polite, meaningless words, knowing that I really couldn't care less. Then there are those I pass without acknowledgment, knowing that I have had many drunken conversations with them. How can people be perfect strangers during the day and yet best buddies at night? It's not my personal shallowness, but the shallowness of the whole social scene at universities nationwide.

Usually, I am very social. I call many of my social acquaintances that I am friendly with my friends. What is the basis of these friendships? Parties, where conversations are sparked.

I feel that these pseudo friendships are in vain and that it is not worth my time to be friendly with these friends. I do feel that I am a genuinely nice person, so why not smile, say hello, chat about absolutely nothing? These

seemingly meaningless encounters may not be as meaningless as initially perceived. Think of the alternative: walking through campus avoiding eye contact, totally ignoring people I kind of know, basically steering clear of all social interaction. If this were the case not just for myself but most members of the campus community, there would be no community.

I do not want to sound like some space cadet who believes everyone should be friends, because this is definitely not true. Most people are genuinely nice, yet there are people who genuinely suck. Many of these pseudo friendships are based completely on bullsh*t, where it is impossible for any true friendship to develop. These are usually the people who are acknowledged after a few beverages.

So what is the point of my rambling about casual friend-

ship? It could be my attempt to justify my need to be friendly with everyone I meet.

But, I am basically trying to say that true friendships have to start somewhere and that they usually start with a few polite, meaningless words.

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Happiness Is Not a Warm Gun

More often than not, "death be not proud," for death does not bear the torch of honor as it once did.

So many deaths are today attributable to actions such as careless drug usage and reckless driving.

And, sadly, these types of deaths are the ones the media chooses to glorify.

News reports thus undermine the magnitude of death.

They constantly present death to the world, falking up every murder that leaves a little girl without a mother, a new mother without her maternal role model.

But that unending stream of reports on deaths does not produce a public highly sensitive to the nature of permanent loss; rather, such accounts desensitize society.

Why is more of America not doing anything about the superfluous war Bush wishes to declare and fight to his reelection?

Because most of America has no concept of war-no concept of the lives lost in such battle.

Yet most of America hears daily about deaths far flung across the nation.

Just as often, though, does America tune out if the accounts are not of the dramatic, gossip-worthy nature.

America is bored to tears of death if scandal is not part of the feature presentation.

How, then, can such an America comprehend what it and other countries have to lose in war?

Nothing more than they see on the 11:00 p.m. news, right?

The mere stuff approaching entertainment value, the wealth of stories to be taken in directly before bed, right?

Wrong.

War is not simply comprised

of pictures on the screen.

Bloodshed is not a mosaic of particulars highlighted by talking heads ever-glossy, airbrushed and spackled, blowdryer-coifed.

Soul infidels, this breed.

To their miscredit, citizens do not apply such massive killing to the feelings they would have/have had if/when they lost a loved one.

Thus do we have a people who, oblivious to the reality of war, make no effort to stop it.

And I was no different.

Throughout most of my life, when death was the word, I was out of my element.

It was not until late senior year that I got my first personal taste of death, a bitterness first stomachached when my wonderful friend Randy died.

Of little but at least some comfort, though, was that his passing, although sudden, was a natural one, a defect in the heart never before detected.

However, he was but 20 years old, so Randy's exit from livelihood was certainly a shock, a disappointment and a hell of an injustice.

Still, I was not exceptionally close with him, so I perhaps had the fortune to be somewhat removed from the direct impact.

Fast forward, now, to November 30, 2002, the day after Thanksgiving-the day Jeff died.

Or more specifically, the night.

I had no idea until the next morning as I got ready to leave my house and return to school.

While saying goodbye to my pal's mother, I received a phone call from another friend who asked me, "Did you hear?"

I had no idea what she was talking about, but as soon as she told me, I wished I still didn't.

For she was informing me that "Jeff passed away last night."

However, Jeff did not pass.

I will always disagree with that terminology.

No peaceful end is based in a 60 mph collision with a tree.

No mangled car and loss of life gives way to anything that could be entitled a "passing."

Passing connotes demonstrating enough prowess in a subject so as to be able to move on to another skill one wishes to master.

Somehow, I don't think that Jeff had the opportunity to demonstrate enough prowess in living that he was then awarded the privilege of trying his hand at

being lonely.

Even if he was allowed special permission to transcend life, I doubt he would jump at the chance to pass into the next realm of tests, those completely without the aid of anyone or anything he has ever known.

In this case, I think Jeff would have chosen failure, as failure forces one to "try, try again" and repeat whatever process one has just failed.

In this case, if passing is hardly the reward for a job well done-in the case of death, I think failure is much preferred.

Passing has permitted Jeff to leave behind all his duties from the past, but my hunch is that he would adore the opportunity to repeat those tasks.

I would venture to guess that Jeff would have chosen the "punishment" of "failure" any day.

Jeff would know a failure when he saw one, because it would be so out of sync with everything else he did.

For he was motivated and very used to passing everything he did, succeeding for the betterment of himself and his friends and family.

Therefore, I highly doubt that he would consider to have been 'successful' by 'passing' a freak occurrence that left him and his empty.

Passing this exam, this turn in the weather, this bend in the road, this slick stretch of the dark and frozen, was hardly a reflection of his intelligence so much as it was indicative of Jeff's luck.

Jeff, a man who, in an effort to rid his friend's house of paraphernalia whilst the cops rampaged it, threw a bong out the window and hit a cop.

Jeff, a man whose graduation robe was stolen out of his car on graduation day.

Untimely death was no test that Jeff passed-it was a typical materialization of his terrible fortune.

But if death is a test, it is an unavoidable one and it does no service to those being tested.

Death serves as a test all people pass by default and with flying colors.

Say what you will about the SATs-I think death is the most unfair standardized test of all.

It is the testing ground for people to be stripped of their lives.

It is a test sure to leave people without the rest of their waking days.

And yet we say that these people have "passed."

How imprecise we are with language.

Moreover, how desensitized we are to language.

We do not evaluate the weight of our words until we are forced to.

And we are forced to only when what we say hurts too much to go uncorrected.

How very superficially we usually meander about through conversation, then, until we are personally affected by words.

We are but falsely engaged in discourses until our emotions

become ruffled after some horrible event hits home.

Only then do we become aware of the nature of what we say.

But the vast majority of the time, we do not listen to ourselves.

We do not hear what we say as we float about.

Our words fall upon deaf ears.

At best, our verbalizations are half-heard.

Our will to detect and process content mumbled in lackluster by any member of the conversational troupe flies at half-mast.

After all, how often do you really react to people growling, "I want to kill her?"

How frequently do you jump at the defeated plea, "Shoot me," drip from your weary friends' parched lips?

There is no true comprehension of such words until you experience death for yourself.

You cannot fathom what would be the result of these words coming true.

You cannot determine how many people would be forever devastated, hollowed, if people were to "kill her," if someone actually answered someone else's call to "shoot" him.

Seriously, imagine that!

Ah, but you cannot, and frankly, I would not wish such comprehension on you.

But do not forget that I am well aware of the weight of your words, and so are so many others.

No longer am I a stranger to death, and I have not been for some time.

If you are still largely unaware of death, I hope you can remain perpetually distanced, but not ignorant.

For ignorance is not optimal when a staggering number of people you know have seen the Grim Reaper up close and personal.

These are the folks who do not take too kindly to you spewing venomous death wishes for either yourself or others, no matter the degree of jest.

At the end of Christmas break, my best friend called me and asked, "Did you hear about Justin?"

I had not heard anything about Justin in two years, actually, but I have gotten to the point where, certainly, I knew what my friend was about to say was going to be bad, but I could not have guessed how bad.

Well, as it turns out, the fellow had taken his own life.

He had committed suicide.

So unhappy, so unhelped by his own thoughts or the airy actions of his fellow man, Justin reached the conclusion that death would be the best answer.

Did he pass a test?

Did he so thoroughly conquer life that he was deemed to have 'aced' it and was thus no longer in need of being immersed in its trials and tribulations?

Hardly-in fact, I think he considered himself to have failed at life, and that is why he thought to try his hand at something else.

He would simply not fancy

himself to be an individual who passed some great evaluation.

Yet he, too, in the vernacular, has passed.

And, hey, his passage must be the case, because he certainly is not giving life another shot as failure would demand of him.

In short, rare is the case in which someone merely passes away.

Perhaps elderly individuals qualify for passage after long lives well-lived, easing into Heaven while already immersed in sleep, bathed in the nocturnal veil.

These, too, are the people who respect life.

Consequently do they equally respect death

Therefore, the elderly recognize the weight of all things that produce the loss of life.

Through all the wars they have known, after all the battles they have experienced personally versus vicariously via snippets on t.v., the elderly feel fully each cry of "War!"

The oldest generations of our country do not go about spouting "Someone shoot me," nor do they utter the cry "I'm going to kill her!"

For the elderly have seen death manifested in disease, in epic battle, in the eyes of their neighbors left widowed by the atrocities of such epic battles.

They have not, fortunately, been desensitized to the mention of death.

Their minds, after all, have not grown up tainted by the visual pollution that is network news.

The elderly are not accustomed to a rampant, vicious, bloodthirsty media happy to project violence of all kinds on the screen.

Yes, they have several more years personal loss under their belts.

Indeed, personal loss is necessary for the full meaning of death to permeate one's thoughts and actions.

But remember that, despite our young ages, so many of us have already experienced such loss.

Recognize that we are astonished when you refer to a 19-year-old's fatal overdose as him "passing away."

Please notice that we cringe at the thought of Bush's looming slaughterhouse.

And certainly not least of all, observe us as we crumble when we hear you wish death upon yourselves.

Take heed that you don't allow yourself to think of a disemboweling as "passing."

Be aware of what you wish for; identify your desire for immediate termination as temporary, but a mood, much akin to the tides which rise and fall.

Be careful that you don't sit back as eternity is imposed upon your neighbors.

Please, friends, pay attention! Death is forever.

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What did you think
of Bush's speech?



"It's all hipocracy, sometimes peace needs to be defended? BUSHIT!"
Katie Lozito, 2005



"He tried to be bipartisan and I have reservations about congress following through."

Justin England, 2003



"I hate Bush more than I hate you."
Holly Young (right), 2004



"He was trying to do a hell of a job reinforcing his legitimacy as president to domestic and foreign audiences."

Ellen Rose, 2003

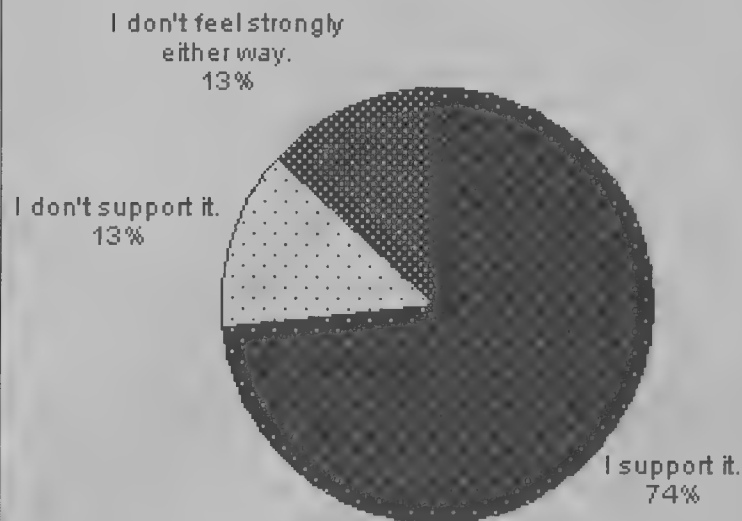


"He concentrated too much on Iraq and not enough on what's going on here"

Eric Duba, Marche Employee

Last week's www.vermontcynic.com poll...

How do you feel about abortion?



This week: Should the United States reinstitute the draft?

Mysteries of College Newspaper Revealed

Continued from front

Ideas are thrown around and writers decided which stories they'd like to work on.

The deadline for the stories is on Friday.

This Friday deadline is usually ignored by most writers causing stressful Sunday evenings for the editors who scramble to find the writers and their given pieces.

In describing the average Sunday night, Dobbs said, "It's chaotic, full of insanity; including crazy janitors, trips to Dunkin' Donuts, and a lot of WRUV. You see sides of people you don't normally see and that you never want to see again, yet you see every Sunday."

The biggest problem the Cynic Staff faces in creating the paper is a lack of writers.

Most of the articles are written by the editors who piece the paper together.

The problems don't end with the lack of punctual writers, or any writers at all.

Computer break-downs, printer break-downs, scanner break-downs, and mental break-downs all add to the insanity that is production nights.

With only one half-window and a dozen fluorescent lights, one can go nutty in the office, often needing breaks wandering down the basement of Billings, searching for coffee and late-night refreshments.

"Sunday nights are delirious," said Kristen Rigney, freshman photography editor.

"When something as simple as a typo becomes hilarious and all you can do is watch your fellow editors square dance to Yonder, it's time to go to bed."

But the Cynic isn't all about the late-night Sundays. Staff members have the opportunity to hobnob with University officials, and have been known on occasion to attend conferences in both New York City at the New York Times, and Washington D.C. at the Associated Collegiate Press workshops.

"The benefits of being on staff outweigh the pitfalls," said Ashley Lyons, Editor.

"And besides, who needs sleep when you can spend all weekend in a cave with your close friends?"

And to those who say the Cynic isn't worth reading or that nobody reads it, Copy Editor Nick Rahaim disagrees.

"I feel that people are starting to see that the Cynic combines journalistic integrity with fun, wit, and sarcasm. It keeps the campus at large informed, but also gives them something enjoyable to read each week."

It's almost 6am and the final deadlines are looming.

The writers are all snug in their beds while the editors frantically attempt to finish before the sunrises and their production time passes.

The time grows closer and closer to the end, they finally pull it off and send it in to the printers.

How they do it, that will always remain the mystery.

Possible Draft Looms Over U.S.

Continued from front

Even though Rangel and Conyers want to draft to include women, they would have to get Congress to amend the law.

The issue of women being involved in the draft has come under fire in both the 1980's and 90's.

In 1981, the Supreme Court decision *Rostker v. Goldberg*, the Court upheld the law that men could only register, stating that it didn't violate the due process clause of the Constitution.

In 1994, the Department of Defense reviewed the issue again.

Because women are excluded by policy from front line combat positions, excluding them from the draft seemed justifiable in the DoD's view.

The DoD also said that they would periodically review the issue as the role of women in the military expands.

This issue could be brought to the forefront again if the assumed war with Iraq becomes more long-term than expanded.

While many feel that women should be forced to serve along with men, many women feel that is unjustifiable.

"When I get paid the same amount as my male counterpart," commented one UVM female. "Then I'll go and fight with them."

Others feeling drafting women wouldn't be as feasible as one thinks.

"On the one hand, it's equal rights for women, but personally, I wouldn't want to be drafted," said sophomore Jennifer Leach.

"I wouldn't want to have to deal with the whole situation with having to declare myself as a conscientious objector."

"There'll be a lot of hassle, because we don't have to sign up, etc."

While one would think that most men are in support for having women join them on the front line, it's not always the case.

"I do not feel as though they should be included in the potential draft," said Stier. "They should obviously be permitted to enlist by choice."

Since the 1980's, all men as of their 18th birthday have been required to sign up with Selective Services, even though the draft hasn't been reinstated.

Because of that requirement, men can be found in hours, instead of weeks as it was in the past, after their draft number has been drawn, making the lax time disappear.

If the draft was reinstated, there are many ways to avoid the draft, according to many anti-war organizations.

According to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, the following things would allow one to be considered exempt: a minister or divinity student. The sole surviving son of a family whose father, mother or siblings have died as a result of military action, the sole financial or other support to family members who are dependent, elderly, disabled and/or ill, physically or mentally incapable of being in the

military, lesbian, gay or bisexual, a conscientious objector.

Not all males who could possibly get drafted are opposed to the idea.

"If I were to be drafted," said Stier. "As much as I may disagree with the purpose of the war, as an American I would have little choice but to support my country."

Sequence of Events

Here is a brief overview of what would occur if the United States returned to a draft:

1. CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE A DRAFT

A crisis occurs which requires more troops than the volunteer military can supply. Congress passes and the President signs legislation which starts a draft.

2. THE LOTTERY

A lottery based on birthdays determines the order in which registered men are called up by Selective Service. The first to be called, in a sequence determined by the lottery, will be men whose 20th birthday falls during that year, followed, if needed, by those aged 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. 18-year-olds and those turning 19 would probably not be drafted.

3. ALL PARTS OF SELECTIVE SERVICE ARE ACTIVATED

The Agency activates and orders its State Directors and Reserve Forces Officers to report for duty. See also Agency Structure.

4. PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND MORAL EVALUATION OF REGISTRANTS

Registrants with low lottery numbers are ordered to report for a physical, mental, and moral evaluation at a Military Entrance Processing Station to determine whether they are fit for military service. Once he is notified of the results of the evaluation, a registrant will be given 10 days to file a claim for exemption, postponement, or deferment. See also Classifications.

5. LOCAL AND APPEAL BOARDS ACTIVATED AND INDUCTION NOTICES SENT

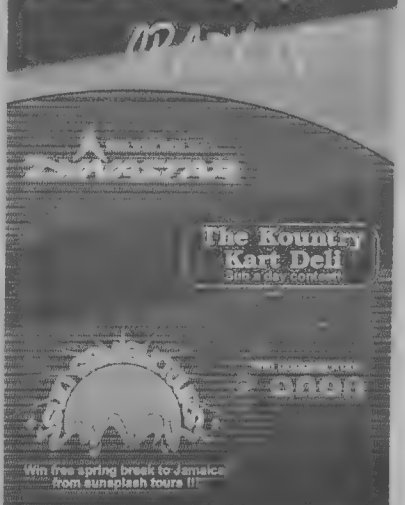
Local and Appeal Boards will process registrant claims. Those who pass the military evaluation will receive induction orders. An inductee will have 10 days to report to a local Military Entrance Processing Station for induction.

6. FIRST DRAFTEES ARE INDUCTED

According to current plans, Selective Service must deliver the first inductees to the military within 193 days from the onset of a crisis.

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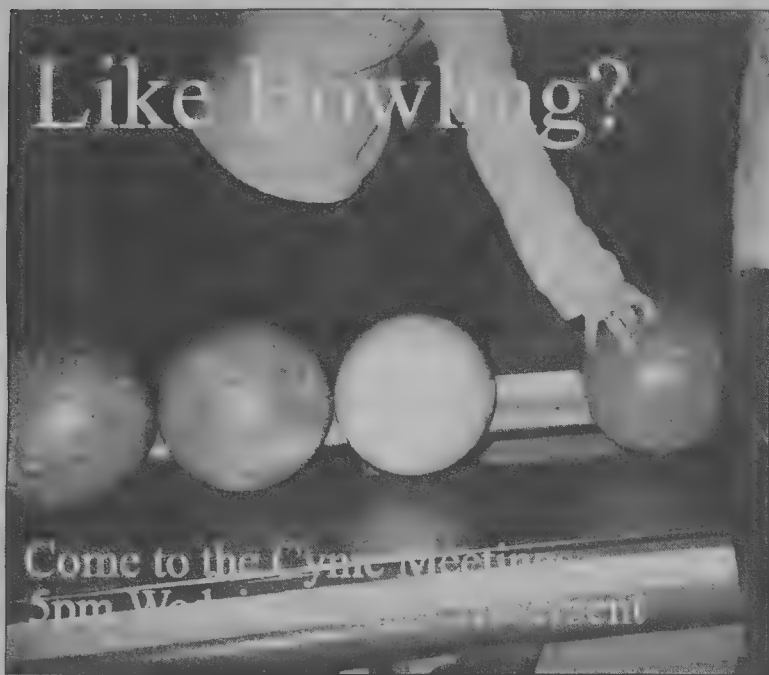
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Shuttle Wreck And Iraqi War Compete For Attention

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In a survey asking, "Is it appropriate for President Bush to continue with the war agenda while the nation is in mourning over the Columbia Space Shuttle disaster?" UVM students responded with mixed opinions—36% Yes, 55% No, 9% Not well enough informed.

The war effort is considered, "entirely inappropriate," according to one UVM sophomore. This view reflects many of the "No" votes, who believe a continuation of the war effort can not be "morally" reasoned.

"I don't agree with the war effort, but [the Columbia disaster] is no reason to postpone the war," thought a female UVM first-year. UVM junior Raja Reddy stated that, "whether or not [the continued war effort] is appropriate or

not is hard to say, but it would seem to be good politics for George Bush to wait before taking any drastic actions."

It seems that Bush will go ahead with the current plans to send Colin Powell to the United Nations to present the evidence against Iraq. Reportedly he will have pictures of Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Bush has ordered all flags at federal buildings and sites to be at half-mast until then. Two highly charged emotional events will be vying for the country's attention.

"We are happy that it broke up," Iraqi government employee Abdul Jabbar al-Quraishi said. "God wants to show that his might is greater than the Americans. They have encroached on our country. God is avenging us," he said.

International Challenge Allows MBA Students To Excel

Juggling studies, jobs and, for some, family needs this fall, five MBA students in Professor Bill Avery's business policy class became living proof of the maxim: If you want something done, give it to a busy person.

They received no extra credit for the months of preparation that culminated in seven days of grueling competition against the best of their peers, but Team UVM members say they would gladly do it again. Competing in the Concordia University John Molson School of Business MBA International Case competition in Montreal—the oldest and largest challenge of its kind—left them exhausted but exhilarated. "It wears a bit on personal life," says Thad Omand, who is the controller at Hallam Associates, "but it was a phenomenal experience."

Four students formed the team that faced top MBA students from 29 other competing universities from around the world: Neil Chartier, a full-time student working three jobs; Teresa Montemayor, a marketing manager at IBM; Philipp von Schickfus, a full-time, scholarship student from Germany; and Omand. A fifth, Agam Sheth, a project engineer with pharmaceutical firm Mylan Technologies, was the alternate with the full-time job of coaching the group during the Jan. 6-11 business bout.

For five preliminary rounds of case presentations, the UVM team impressed judges with their abilities and team work and came out first each time, topping fine teams from Sweden, Finland, Germany, New Zealand and Canada.

"The biggest challenge," Sheth says, "was probably overcoming the fear of the unknown. ... We did not realize our potential going into the competition, (but) after winning the first three rounds unanimously ... we knew we could win the whole thing."

By the end of semi-finals, it looked like they might. UVM's was the only American team in the final round, where contest rankings become meaningless. You might enter as the Serena Williams of MBA-land, but you could well be surprised by spoiler Jennifer Capriati on a very good day.

The point of the competition, according to Molson's Dean Jerry Tomberlin, is "to bridge the gap between corporate and academic worlds," benefiting both students and executives. Senior business execs judge each round, assessing teams on "creativity, insight and real work applicability of their presentations." The final case study was real—an Irish bank that had too quickly expanded globally and then retreated was seeking to define its competitive

advantage and position in a global market. UVM placed third, behind the University of Laval and York University, both in Canada.

Proud of their week's work, von Schickfus offers his analysis of the final outcome: "After a hard week, with up to eight hours preparations and presentations per day, we were so eager to win the final that we were less willing to take risks in our approach. Therefore, our recommendation in the final, in my opinion, was too conservative."

All the students agreed that exhaustion played a role, too. The intensity of the contest "may be artificial," Chartier says, "but it mirrors the fast paced atmosphere in most of the business world."

He adds, that it also "allows the students to connect the dots from all of their classroom experiences into a coherent solution to the cases presented."

Montemayor agrees and says that such competitions, also expose students "to different approaches to the same problem that they may not encounter in their program." She and the others rate highly the new relationships built with students and faculty from other countries. Sheth says, "This competition was a major way to network across borders."

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A CALENDAR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

-Thursday, Feb. 6. "Habib Koite & Bamada," musical performance at the Flynn Center, 7:30 p.m. UVM affiliates may obtain two-for-one ticket vouchers in advance on a first-come, first-served basis at the Center for Cultural Pluralism or ALANA Student Center. A UVM "Building Our Community" initiative event.

-Thursday, Feb. 6. Performance artist, author and actress Anna Deavere Smith performs "Race in America: Crossroads of Ambiguity," in Ira Allen Chapel, 7 p.m. Postponed from an earlier date.

-Thursday, Feb. 13. "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin," the life of an openly gay central player in the Civil Rights Movement. Film screening and discussion at the Allen House, room 104, 12-1:30 p.m.

-Wednesday, Feb. 19. "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium." An award-winning documentary that seeks solutions to end hate, the film draws on true stories from recent national headlines. Discussion will follow. Ira Allen Chapel, 7 p.m.

-Thursday, Feb. 27. Panel Discussion: "Vermont from Different Perspectives." Students, staff and faculty from many cultures reflect on personal experiences in Vermont. 104 Allen House, 12-1:30 p.m.

-Thursday, Feb. 27. The films "Bamboozled" and "Kakewalk: A UVM Documentary," will be screened in CC Theatre, Billings, 6-9:30 p.m.

Studying On The Decline Among College Students

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during his high school years.

Sax offered another possible explanation for a decrease in the amount of time students studied, citing survey results indicating an increase in computer use among students.

An all-time high of 89.3 percent of respondents said they used the computer frequently, with 78.4 saying they used the Internet for homework and research. Cheung said the computer was a useful tool for him in high school, especially for research purposes.

Following a four-year trend, entering freshmen are also partying, drinking, and smoking less. Only 46.5 percent reported drinking beer frequently or occasionally in the past year—an all-time low since the survey began 37 years ago.

"I think I was a little more soft-core in high school," Cheung said. "I'd go to some parties. I don't drink as much as I expected to (at UCLA) ... it just became kind of played out."

A possible explanation for the continued decline in partying and drinking is that students who responded to the survey grew up in a time marked with vigorous anti-drug campaigns.

"These students grew up in an age where the anti-drug campaigns were incredibly vocal in their high schools and communities," Sax said. "It goes against the popular notion of this being a drug culture among the youth."

Lee said she worked hard in high school and continues to work hard now that she is in college. Lee said the reason she does not party is because she is short on time.

"It's hard to get good grades now," she said. "I don't have a chance to party. I work and go to school."

Additional survey results indicate a rising interest in political affairs in the first class to enter college after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. 32.9 percent of freshmen reported keeping up with politics as a "very important" or "essential" part of life.

The attention to politics, Sax said, was important because it was part of a two-year trend indicating increased interest, following a long and steady decline in political interest among students. She said the increase in interest could be attributed to two events, the presidential election in 2000 and Sept. 11, 2001.

Third-year student Daniel Serquina said his freshman year was focused on living in the dorms and adjusting to college life. He said students may have become more involved in politics and in keeping up with the news due to recent events, among them the hotly-contested presidential election of 2000.

"There was so much controversy because it was such a close race," Serquina said. "When it's in the news all the time, it catches your attention."

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Steve (is it okay if I call you Steve?),

How's it going? Now that the small talk is out of the way, let's get serious. I'd like to learn karate, but I can't afford the classes, this is where you come in. Since you already know karate it'll be really easy for you to teach me. Right now I'm between jobs, so I have a lot of free time... to learn karate.

I also heard from the guy at the bait shop down the street that you're a Buddhist. I'm not exactly sure what that means but in doing research for this letter, I rented *Under Siege Two: Dark Territory*. I have a couple questions: Is she really your daughter? I like the ponytail. I know that last one wasn't a question, but the ponytail works, plain and simple.

The guy at the bait store also told me you were in a blues band, so here's what I propose: You help me with the kicking and the punching, and I help you with some mean blues harmonica. I won't lie, the harmonica is a friend of mine. A friend that produces what could be described as 'a fusion of funk, blended with a little jazz, and then polished off with a twinge of country that lends it a much appreciated legitimacy.'

I also noticed you currently write your own speeches. Bad Steve! That was a joke, don't be mad). You've caught me at exactly the right time. I can begin writing your speeches immediately. I thought we could start off with a press conference announcing your decision to hire me, here's what I have so far:

"Hey, how's everyone doing (blues harmonica in the background)? I want you out of here (points to a funny looking kid in the front row of the audience), someone get him out of here! Sorry I lost my temper, but some-

times you guys make me so mad. Okay, I'm over it now. I called this press conference because I've become so famous, I can do whatever I want. You hear me?! Anything!

By the way, I'm a Buddhist which, last time I checked, makes me better than all of you. So I've decided I wanted a few changes from all of you. I want a really fast car and a model girlfriend, stat! For those of you who don't know, 'stat' is a medical term. The second change I would like to see concerns my career as a television actor. This is a good segue. Oh sorry, I wasn't supposed to read that last part.

Anywho, I would like to see a revival of *Hogan's Heroes* starring myself as a doctor and one other actor to be named later. It would be just the two of us on a blank stage acting out scenes from the old *Hogan's Heroes*. Very theatrical. How you like that Hollywood? What's a matter Hollywood? Too avant garde for your tastes? Well, I expect all these demands to be met or I'll commence with some kicking and punching. I just hired a new speech writer too."

We'll need to find a funny looking kid who's willing to work for alcohol and has a harmonica, but otherwise it'll be an image makeover that will signal part two of the Steven Seagal story. Write back soon, I might have a speech writing job by the time you read this, so if I were you I'd hurry!

You're not a joke,
Nicholas Green

Next Weeks Letter:
Ted Nugent

Steven Seagal



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Dan Zanes and Friends
To Play The Flynn

Founder and lead singer/songwriter of the 1980's roots rock group the Del Fuegos, Dan Zanes has turned his considerable talents to making cool music for kids and families. Whether sharing his own infectious folk-rock originals, reinventing rock classics with both kids and boomer parents in mind, or reinvigorating folk standards for a new generation, Zanes and his bandmates delight listeners with wry, rootsy sounds that tickle the funny bone and don't insult the listeners' intelligence.

Since its release in the fall of last year Dan's first kids' CD *Rocket Ship Beach* has become a favorite in the all-ages underground and has been widely praised in print. (*The New York Times Magazine*, *People*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Vanity Fair*, *Rolling Stone*, *Entertainment Weekly*), on the radio (NPR's *Fresh Air* with Terry Gross, The Todd Mundt Show, several noncommercial children's shows), and on TV (CBS *Saturday Morning*; NY1; *New Yorkers*, a Japanese documentary).

The CD received the Parents Choice recommended award, and Zanes was recently named Best New Artist for Young Children by the Children's Music Web Awards 2001.

This Fall Zanes and Friends released *Family Dance*—the follow-up to the critically acclaimed *Rocket Ship Beach*—on the Brooklyn-based Festival Five Records. This time the theme is dance.

Like *Rocket Ship Beach*, *Family Dance*, is packed with updated musical traditions. Drums, tubas, electric and acoustic guitars, fiddles, madolins, banjos, harmonicas,

accordions, upright basses, and lap steels all come together in a crazy yet natural mix of rock and roll, American folk, hip-hop, fiddle tunes, dancehall, and turn-of-the-century pop.

The spirit is happily relaxed and communal, sending the message: "It's fun, it's easy, try this at home." *Family Dance* takes a step forward from *Rocket Ship Beach* in featuring more original songs. The first CD had only two, but *Family Dance* has several: four by Zanes, including "Thrift Shop" a sharp duet that becomes a comic shopping dialogue between Dan and Sandra Bernhard; Barbara Brousal's rock

and roll song in Spanish, "Malti"; and "Yo Yo Sweet Yo Yo" by Jose Garcia, a Spanish and English song performed acapella with human beatboxers.

Dan Zanes and Friends will be performing at The Flynn Sunday, February 9 at 2 pm.



Photos courtesy of The Flynn
Dan Zanes, formerly of the 1980's pop sensation the Del Fuegos, accompanied by friends. Zanes' music always has a positive message.

With irresistible grooves, drawn from a wealth of musical traditions, and spirited, organic performances, *Family Dance* makes dancing (whether it's all around the kitchen or all around your head) almost impossible to avoid.

Songs range from updated classics like "Rock Island Line," "Fooba Wooba John," and "Skip to My Lou" to a half-dozen origi-

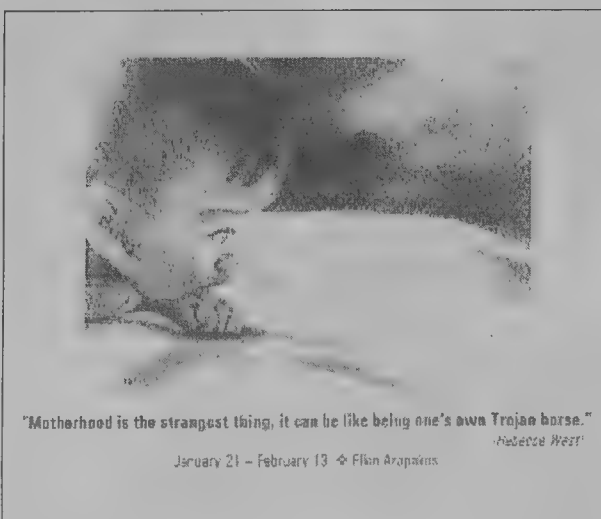
Living and Learning Center Stage Gallery: Ellen Arapakos' One's Own Trojan Horse

"My work is a personal narrative of motherhood. As such, it addresses social constructions of mother as an object of speculation and fantasy.

I am interested in the discursive engagement between feminist art and motherhood - or lack thereof. Rather than engage the theoretical construct of mother as function or monolith (and thus further silence mothers as active speaking subjects), I wish to give expression to the material existence of mothering in its particularity.

As an artist, I wish to portray contradictions of taken-for-grantedness and poignancy in everyday life. Using family snapshots as both visual reference and conceptual metaphor, I search out the transcendence and futility of the mundane. My work endeavors to reconcile an experience and identity of mother with that of artist."

-Ellen Arapakos



"Motherhood is the strangest thing, it can be like being one's own Trojan horse."
-Hedra West

January 21 - February 13 • Ellen Arapakos

TOASTED VEGETABLES

BY LILLIE KINGSTON AND
ANDREW WOODS

By **ANDREW WOODS**
Cynic Arts & Entertainment Editor

Toasted Vegetables will not be running this week.

This week's episode will not be shown due to the graphic nature of its visual content, subject matter, and, message.

We here at The Vermont Cynic believe that printing such a comic strip would not only stand in direct contrast to the mission statement endorsed by the staff of The Vermont Cynic, but would be at its very foundation irresponsible.

Such a comic strip would only generate the public backlash we here at The Cynic try to avoid; indeed such a comic would offend innumerable readers, but would serve to degrade the artistic/entertainment integrity of The Cynic.

This week's... Toasted Vegetables will forever be known as the 'Lost Episode'.

It will be archived and read by formal request only, as the subject matter, content, and, visual aspects of the 'Lost Episode' have been deemed too inflammatory for contemporary audiences.

Although we are unable to bring you this weeks Toasted Vegetables, we are able to bring you a loose construction of its content.

It will be necessary to censor even a loose construction of the 'Lost Episode', which will be indicated by the appearance of the word: CENSORED, followed by an ellipsis (...).

We see 'The Gang' (Tuxedo Ted, Waynewright, Regular Rag, and Wet Leather) outside a local mall.

They begin to walk into the mall, and CENSORED...

They enter the food court and CENSORED...

Ted then begins speaking with the Manager of the food court and CENSORED... CENSORED...

The janitor is then called to clean the CENSORED...

He becomes angry with 'The Gang', CENSORED...

Ted then CENSORED... Waynewright then says, CENSORED...

Wet Leather stands in front of the carnage and begins to cry, when suddenly CENSORED...

The End.

While censorship of any kind, especially as it relates to artistic decision, style, and, message, can accurately be called finite tyranny; it is the opinion of the editorial board of The Vermont Cynic that this is a very clearly definable situation where censorship is not only merited, but necessary.

Thank you, and enjoy next week's Toasted Vegetables.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

So I decided I'm gonna sleep with my professor to get a better grade. I'm just not sure how I could be failing lunch-time?

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You might need to watch what you eat this week. Right now all your diet consists of is, pasta, butter, and vodka. Why not try rice cakes, rum, and edible panties. Throw them in a blender and go to work. Take off the edibles first if possible. If not, blend away. Enjoy.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You are boring. Very boring. Some might even say disrespectfully boring. Try telling jokes more often. Here's one: Q: What's a elbow plus a sandwich?

A: I love you..

Q: What?

A: You heard me.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

"Hey baby!" is what I wanted to say, but I just said "Could I borrow a piece of paper?" Then why did she scream? I don't know, but I ran out of that bathroom faster than a foreign object breaking up in Earth's atmosphere. Did I tell you I just saw the movie *Seven* staring

Brad Pitt! It was devastatingly entertaining.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

The Stars have incredible plans for you this week. First they're gonna not return your calls. Then they'll brag to their friends about it. After that it's a Tall Boy and bag of salted peanuts, maybe a game of pool too. They taunt you day and night, but in the end they'll respect you for your...

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Do you like fortune cookies? You don't? How's this for a fortune:

Your pinky is stinky (in bed). Lotto numbers: 69 420 911 666

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

So you thought that joining a frat would make you cool. Not the case. First take off that goofy Abercrombie head band and stop wearing sweaters that even Bill Cosby would refuse to wear. Why don't you just stop talking, no one cares how dank your headies are, or how many drunks girls you mauled on the dance floor. Stop talking, please stop talking.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Your room is filthy, but your 'background' is clean. I have one favor to ask of you: Stop breaking my heart. If you can't do this at least stop breaking my *Chicken Run* DVD. If that's not possible I guess I'll live with it...

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

You love to run, but you always wind up running to the liquor store. Why not try running your life into the ground! Oh wait it's already there! The ground that is!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

I tend to rike it a lot, but not to the point of passing out early. You know what my problem is? I have incredibly bad asthma and I like electronic music.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

Medieval battles can be a lot of fun. By 'medieval' I mean 'bedroom', and by 'battles' I mean 'skirmishes'.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

What do you get when you combine hot sauce with a banana? An interesting morning, and a painful ly spicy lifestyle.

We Salute You, David Hasselhoff



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Students Speak Out at UVM Day at the Statehouse

By AMY VAILLANCOURT
Student Life Editor

The sixth annual UVM Day at the Statehouse was an opportunity for students to have their voices heard by speaking with state legislatures.

The day took place on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Statehouse in Montpelier, which included a breakfast reception, tours of the State House, addresses from the State Treasurer, Governor Douglas, and members of the UVM Board of Trustees, and lunch with legislators.

"The energy, enthusiasm, and participation exceeded my expectations," said Diane Trono, Government Relations Associate.

"In the past we have had as many as 18 legislators (involved). To increase that number by four times was amazing."

Sixty-eight students were signed up to attend the day, invited from a number of organizations. Student participation has increased from last year where twenty-six students went.

Student groups that were represented included; Advocates, Student Government, Community Service Scholars Program, VIA

(Volunteers in Action), Green and Gold Scholars, Vermont Scholars, Student Ambassadors, and ALANA students.

The students spoke with a number of government officials and members of the UVM Board of Trustees, including Governor Douglas, Lieutenant Governor Dubie, State Treasurer Spaulding.

"I'm impressed. The students were up to date and they had interesting perspectives," said State Treasurer Spaulding after his question and answer session with UVM students.

"The more they can interact with legislatures and other policy makers the better the support for university. The students reflected well on the university."

"Legislators and other state officials genuinely seemed interested in what we had to say," said Maggie Gage after her third visit to the Statehouse.

"They portrayed a true interest in the issues that students viewed as the most pressing in the coming fiscal years."

Governor Douglas spoke to the students about a variety of topics, such as his support for a two percent increase in state appropriation for UVM.

"Governor Douglas was very funny and very upbeat," said Jason Williams, sophomore, Co-Coordinator of UVM Day at the

Statehouse.

"It was great to see Governor Douglas there and interested in the student's questions. This year all the pieces came together so that all the highest ranking officials were there."

'I left with a good feeling in my stomach having made even more of a connection to my University and the State.'

Lindsay Wyld,
Junior, Advocate

trustees, Margaret Hummel, Malcolm Severance, Martha Heath, and Richard Hube.

"All three of Vermont's highest offices addressed the UVM representatives freely engaging in open dialog about issues that concerned us as citizens and students, including the upcoming budget process." Rob Hunt, senior

"The legislators were both gracious and enthusiastic and were exceptionally candid with regard to policy making decisions."

-Jason Williams.

Legislators met and had lunch with students, opening another forum by which students could express their thoughts. Beyond this, however, legislators were able to give their perspectives and answer students questions on a one on one basis.

"I know that my legislators, whom I met with for lunch, they could not get enough of what I had to say about the University, Vermont, and the world in general," said Maggie Gage.

"I think UVM Day at the Statehouse is a very unique opportunity to speak with legislatures who can make decisions," said Laura Megivern, sophomore, Community service Scholar and VIA member.

"One of the greatest things is that government is very accessible for constituents."

"One of the greatest attributes of being a UVM student is the unique access we have to Vermont's public leaders. UVM day at the Statehouse only served to validate this ideal," said Rob Hunt.

President Fogel also attended. "The fact that the president was there to support the students was great," said Jason Williams.

"His being there added legitimacy as well as financial backing for the day."

"This day was very successful," said Karen Meyer, Director of the Office of State and Federal Relations.

"The thing that's important to this office is that the students and the President's office made a positive impression on legislatures. I'm really happy students participated."

"From my experience in years past, the legislators brought their own agenda to the table, and addressed the issues they saw as important," said Maggie Gage.

"I felt much more emphasis was put on the students this year."

"Last year was great but this year was amazing" said Jason Williams.

"I left with a good feeling in my stomach having made even more of a connection to my University and the State. I would like to assume that they too at the Statehouse gained a new found respect and understanding of UVM students. I hope to go back next year." Lindsay Wyld, junior, Advocate.

The day ended with a standing ovation for the students from the House of Representatives.

"This was one of the best UVM Days at the Statehouse yet. I would hope that we would have the same participation next year." Diane Trono.



Jessica Kostin/VC Staff

Open Mic Night is at 8 in the Fireplace Lounge in L/L

Golden Key Honor Society to Participate in America's Promise

This Saturday, February 8th, the UVM Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society will participate in its annual University Students for Youth Day, done in partnership with the America's Promise service organization.

Founded in 1997 by General Colin Powell, America's Promise sets out to build character and competence in young people through various service activities.

The theme for this year's service day will be "Helping the Homeless."

Golden Key is celebrating its tenth year as a part of the UVM community, and is inviting as many people to get involved in this service event as possible.

To get involved this Saturday, please contact Golden Key service directors at aelawren@zoo.uvm.edu or rchrste@zoo.uvm.edu as soon as possible.

Golden Key will be having a meeting of its full membership later this month.

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The Next Step: A Retreat to Discuss Social Justice Issues

By FAITH HALE
Cynic Staff Writer

Fifty-three students from across the campus gathered last weekend for a retreat designed to foster a sense of community and cultural awareness as well as to promote ideals of respect and acceptance.

The retreat, entitled "The Next Step: Students Sharing in a Social Justice Journey" attempted to collectively examine issues of culture, privilege, and oppression, as well as social justice.

A group of eight staff and faculty members led the retreat, which was located at Aloha Foundation's Hulbert Outdoor Center.

The retreat was financially supported by donations from a variety of offices and organizations across campus.

The Next Step retreat was the brainchild of Grant Anderson and Tim Shiner, both former affiliates of Colorado State University who had participated in a similar event and were impressed by the impact

on the participants.

Shiner, explains the significance of this type of communal dialogue, "It is difficult for people to see outside what they have been taught, outside their own experiences. We believe that by hearing other people's life stories, we gain a fuller picture of the world..."

College students across the country share similar experiences as administrators acknowledge a growing problem of intolerance on campuses. Similar retreats are now happening at the University of Delaware and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

One of the greatest pitfalls with diversity education is that "students feel as if they are being talked at, rather than being talked to," according to Anderson, and this retreat provided a platform to avoid this error.

The weekend agenda was based off the schedule of activities performed by the retreat members at Colorado State University, yet was tailored to

meet UVM's unique needs, including many situations to "facilitate storytelling," according to Anderson.

Anderson and Shiner would like the retreat to become a yearly event. Read the mission statement below and see whether the Next Step retreat is something that you would benefit from participating.

The mission statement for the retreat as found on the Center for Cultural Pluralism website is as follows:

"Based on all the teachings which I hold true, I accept the following: It is in my own best interest to help create a world of compassion, justice, and equity for all people. It is my personal responsibility to work toward a campus and greater community which foster mutual respect and a safe environment for all human beings. I therefore commit to continuously educate myself and actively work toward these goals in my daily life and with others."

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Dear Dr. Schmynic:

I have a problem, and I don't know what to do. So, you know how they talk about the "freshman 15?" Well, I'm currently fighting the battle of the bulge myself and have renamed the painful first year experience the "freshman 40." I used to play sports in high school but I've fallen out of the sports loop since Genny and Natty came into my life. I don't like "working out," so how can I get involved again and welcome back my old svelte self?

- the bulge in Buckham

Dear bulge in Buckham,

Well, luckily enough for you, here at UVM we have a great recreation program that is available to all UVM affiliates. There is a plethora of different sports offered for the enjoyment of you and yours. Right now, in the Intramural Sports program basketball and hockey are in full swing, and there is a volleyball tournament coming up. All of this information is online at the Rec Sports web page: www.uvm.edu/recsports. So there are all sorts of things for you to get involved in, but make sure you don't forget that when you do it, do it for you.....not for some sick obsession with looking like an Abercrombie model.

- Dr. Schmynic

Have a question for doctor Schmynic? Send it to us at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu

Student Life Calendar

AROUND CAMPUS

- Student Bible Study- Tuesdays at 9pm
- The Rosary- On Sundays after the 7pm Mass, The weekly Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday, 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm, and 7pm Weekdays at 12:15, and Wed night mass at 9pm
- Christ Church Presbyterian, located on Redstone Campus holds informal worship followed by bagels and fellowship Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- Free dinner programs geared for students considering moving off campus next fall.
- February 4th 6 - 8 PM @ CWP
- Interested in living off campus next fall? Tenant Fair in Marsh lounge Billings Feb. 11th 11 a.m.- 2p.m. VT tenant association
- FREE JAZZ! brought to you by the Dept. of Student Life, UVM Music Dept. and University Dining Services!! Cook Commons 12:00-1:15
- Feb 6th - UVM Latin Jazz Combo
- Feb 13th - UVM Swing/Bebop Jazz Combo
- Feb 27th - UVM Jazz Ensemble/Big Band
- L/L Gallery Exhibit—One's Own Trojan Horse
- "Motherhood is the strangest thing, It can be like being one's own Trojan horse" (Rebecca West). Paintings by Ellen Arapakos will open January 21st and be on display through February 13th. Gallery Hours are Mon-Fri 12:30 - 8:30 PM, Sat 12:30 - 6:30 PM.
- (Allen House) CCP is currently presenting work from local artist, Dan Higgins in its most recent gallery exhibit. The exhibit will be on display from January 13th-February 8th with photographs from his "Sister Cities: Side by Side" collection
- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Chinese and Vietnamese New Year's Celebration Billings Student Center/North Lounge

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

- Anna Deavere Smith, - speaker Thursday February 6
- Ira Allen Chapel at 7pm
- Thursday Feb. 6th 8 - 10 p.m.
- The Greatest Tenacious D Cover Band in The World Featuring L/L's Phil Gilley as KG and Will Todisco as JB Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse: L/L Fireplace Lounge

- 90.1 WRUV Presents Bipedal Radio Lounge Every Thursday night @ The Monkey House WRUV DJs playing lounge, electronic, & trip-hop from 10pm to close
- SA Concerts - Medeski, Martin and Wood with The Yohimbe Brothers featuring Vernon Reid and DJ Logic on February 28, in Patrick Gym doors at 7pm, show at 8pm tickets \$17 with UVM ID, and \$22 for non-UVM students
- Wednesday February 12th 8pm CC Theatre Louis Ramey - a comedian for Black history month.
- The Vagina Monologues Feb. 14th, 15th at 7 p.m. 16th 2 p.m. get tickets at the UVM Women's Center and the Peace and Justice Center
- Madame Butterfly: Flynn Main Center for the Performing Arts February 14th 7:30 p.m.

CLUB EVENTS

- Salle Catamount Fencing Club Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm Marsh Dining Hall (attached to the MAT dorm)
- ChemCats Club [American Chemical Society] Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

- Men's and Woman's Ultimate Frisbee all are welcome at the Patrick Gym Feb 5 4-6pm, Gym
- Feb 9 3-5pm, Track BB court
- Feb 10 9:30-11pm, -Tennis courts
- Feb 11 8:30-11pm, Tennis courts
- Feb 11 10-11pm, Track BB court
- Feb 16 3-5pm, Track BB court
- Feb 18 8:30-11pm, tennis courts
- Vantage Point 7:30 pm in A500 Old Mill Annex. We accept submissions via email (vantagep@zoo.uvm.edu) or at either of the mailboxes in 304 Williams and 512 Old Mill. The deadline for our spring issue is March 1, 2003.
- New Club! Congratulations to the newest Club at UVM! The Table Tennis Club meets every Friday 7 p.m. Harris - Millis Lobby

*ATTENTION ALL CLUBS ! *

Wednesday Feb. 5th monthly reports are due to the Student Activities Committee in SGA office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 1 FAFSA due
- Orientation Leader Applications due - Friday February 7th
- Bailey Howe Library Cyber Cafe area is now open 24

hours Sunday - Wednesday!!!

- Access to the Cyber Cafe area after midnight will be accessible through the side door with your CatCard!!

- Thursday, February 6, the Board of Trustees will be hearing a report from the Task Force to see if UVM needs a new student center. Open to all, it starts at 2:30pm in Memorial Lounge in Waterman.

- Want to be the next SGA President or Vice President????

If you are interested in running for President or Vice President stop in the SGA Office, 1st floor Billings and pick up a petition today!

- February 22nd and is part of a nationwide student action week, "Raise Your Voice". Students can sign up as individuals or in teams to participate in a half-day of volunteering in the Burlington community. The registration deadline is February 7th. For more information, visit www.uvm.edu/~hearts, or contact Carrie Williams at 656-2060 / Carol.Williams@uvm.edu.

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Cats Win One, Lose One Touring Ivy Leagues

Men's Hockey

Yale took a very early lead and went on to post a 6-2 win over Vermont on Friday night at the Bulldogs' home rink. The loss dropped the Catamounts to 8-12-3 overall and improved Yale's record to 12-8-0. The Bulldogs had three power play goals on the night and both of Vermont's goals were also on power plays late in the second period and midway through the third.

Shawn Conschafter had 15 saves in the game for Vermont, Travis Russell had 12, and Yale netminder Josh Gartner stopped 22 shots.

The Cats then took on Princeton on Saturday and came up with a big 5-3 win over the Tigers on their home ice. The win gives the Catamounts a 9-12-3 overall record, 6-8-0 in the ECAC.

A couple of Vermonters got things going offensively for Vermont against the Tigers. With the Catamounts on a five-minute power play after a major penalty to a Princeton player, sophomore

Brady Leisenring (Stowe, Vt.) scored his ninth goal of the season at 11:18, ripping a wrist shot high over the left shoulder of Princeton's Trevor Clay.

Senior assistant captain Bryson Busniuk assisted on the goal, the 14th of Leisenring's career and his fifth power-play goal of the season.

Another sophomore from the Green Mountain State gave Vermont a 2-0 lead later in the period. Tim Plant (Barre, Vt.) banged home a rebound of a Leisenring shot for his seventh goal of the year.

Senior captain Thomas Hajek (St. Catharines, Ont.) also assisted on the goal, extending his point streak to four games. Leisenring made the play, bulling his way through the Princeton zone before getting off a backhand shot that Clay stopped. Plant then pounced on the rebound to give the Catamounts a 2-0 advantage.

The Catamounts continued the offensive onslaught in the second period, scoring their second power-play goal of the game and the fourth of the weekend when freshman defenseman Jaime Sifers scored his first career goal on a shot from the point.

Conschafter was once again outstanding for Vermont, keeping the Tigers at bay throughout the game, especially in the third period when he made a number of outstanding saves.

The Cats are at Colgate next Friday and at Cornell next Saturday, and on Friday, Feb. 14th for the Clarkson game, UVM will host "Have a heart, Bring a can" Night. Fans who bring a canned good to the game will get \$1.00 off their ticket price. The food will be donated to the Chittenden County Food Shelf.

-SportsInfo

The Cats had four power play goals on the weekend, one of which was freshman talent, Jaime Sifers first goal of the season.

Coppenrath Continues to Baffle Opponents

Men's Basketball

Taylor Coppenrath scored a career-high 38 points as Vermont overwhelmed New Hampshire, 92-75, in America East men's basketball at Lundholm Gym on Wednesday night.

After a 0-for-3 start from the floor, the 6-foot-9 sophomore forward made 15 of his final 17 shots to lead a punishing inside attack for Vermont. The America East's leading scorer now averaging 22.2 points per game, Coppenrath has now scored 20 or more points in 10 of his 17 games and seven times with 25 or more. He also added a game-high 11 rebounds, six on the offensive end, as UVM dominated the glass by a 45-28 margin.

"I struggled early outside with the three and decided to go down low," commented Coppenrath. "Then I was able to get into a good flow, especially by picking up some shots off offensive rebounds."

"When Taylor's going well, everyone feeds off of him and they all play well," noted Vermont coach Tom Brennan. "Tonight, he

put us on his back in the second half and carried us home."

Coppenrath scored 23 after halftime as the Catamounts exploded for 57 points in the second half to break open a tight game. The Wildcats led for nearly all of the first half before an 8-2 run over 1:30 closed out the half as UVM took a 35-31 lead to the

Taylor Coppenrath scores a career-high 38 points to lead the Catamounts past New Hampshire in America East action.

locker room.

Vermont came out blazing making three straight three-pointers in a two-minute span to maintain their lead but Coppenrath scored 12 points in a 19-3 run midway through the half that put away New Hampshire. Vermont shot 64% from the field in the second half including six-of-10 from three-point range.

Freshman Shejdie Childs led the Wildcats (3-16, 1-7 America

East) with 20 points while Ioannis Karalis and Griffin Walker added 14 apiece. UNH was hurt by a poor effort from the foul line making just 13-for-29 (45%) for the game and only six-for-15 (40%) in the first half.

In addition to Coppenrath, David Hehn added 13 points, 11 in the second half, and five assists. Center Matt Sheftic chipped in with eight points and four assists while Corey Sullivan (11 points) and Scotty Jones (eight points, eight rebounds) came off the bench to make big contributions.

Sullivan, with three in five attempts, led a solid team effort from beyond the arc (9-for-22, 41%) as seven different Catamounts made three-pointers. With the win, Vermont (12-8, 6-2 America East) remains in second place in the conference, one game behind Boston University.

The Cats also conclude the month of January with a 7-2 mark including a 4-1 record on the road. They next play on Sunday at 1:00pm traveling to Binghamton (Radio: WVMT 620 AM, Internet: www.sportsjuice.com).

-SportsInfo

The View From the Top of the Mountain... Continued from back..

Soon though, the low branches gave way to magnificent views of Mount Washington to the West and Sugarloaf to the East. Hiking above treeline forces you to carefully tread over the resilient yet very fragile vegetation that lives up there.

Due to the high winds that beat the extremely exposed ridge-line of Saddleback there is only bulletproof ice for one and a half miles to the summit which would have been impossible without the aid of crampons.

With our shoulders burning and our calf muscles dragging behind us, we made it to the peak of Saddleback Mountain, all four

thousand one hundred and twenty feet of it. We embraced and danced for our victory still knowing that getting down and then back to our car was not something that we had yet finalized.

We got very lucky by finding that Saddleback Ski Area's T-bar brought skiers .3 miles from where we previously danced atop the summit.

It was there that Eric cursed every second that he had made while purchasing the ski boots that he was trying to fit his foot into.

The frozen boot liner made Eric hop around while trying to jam his foot into what might as well have been a two-inch steel

pipe. After a lot of sweating, teeth clenching and swearing, the boots were on and we were down.

The matter of getting a ride back to the car was easy. I was chosen as being the smoothest talker of the group and I convinced a pleasant elderly man to drive me back to the car.

He did so and as a parting gift was able to pawn off a Tom Clancy book tape on me.

We returned with glory to Colby and promptly fell sleep in awkward positions exhausted and satisfied while dreaming of Brittany Spears singing, "The Beat Goes On."

Track Ladies Break Records

Women's Track and Field

University of Vermont junior captain Kristal Kostiew (Northwood, N.H.) broke her own school record in the 20-pound weight while sophomore Anne Morrison (Lyndonville, Vt.) broke her own school record in the pole vault at the Husky Invitational Track and Field meet Friday night.

Kostiew, an eight-time America East individual champion and the reigning New England champion in the hammer throw, threw 59 feet, 11-3/4 inches while finishing second.

That effort was 10-1/4 inches better than her previous record, set in early January at Dartmouth. Kostiew also finished 10th in the shot put (43-4-1/4).

Morrison broke her own record in the pole vault, clearing

the bar at 11-feet. She owns both the indoor and outdoor pole vault records and is one of the top pole vaulters in New England.

Other highlights included junior captain Tee Gingras (Barre, Vt.) finishing sixth in the 1,000 meters, clocking in at 2:55.98.

That time qualified Gingras for the upcoming ECAC Championship, and was less than a second off the UVM record. Sara Lovell (Westminster, Vt.) was ninth in the shot put (43-4-1/2) and Vermont's distance medley relay team of Tessa Auwarter (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), Michele Palmer (Plymouth, Mass.), Gingras and Katy Jackson (Saco, Maine) was sixth in 12:37.4.

Vermont finished 11th as a team with 14 points.

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Cats Take New Hampshire, Binghamton; Improve to 12-5, 4-3 in the League

Women's Basketball

The University of Vermont women's basketball team displayed a balanced offensive attack as four different players reached double figures in the scoring column in a 76-70 victory over visiting New Hampshire in an America East Conference contest last Wednesday.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Catamounts and evened their league record to 3-3, while improving to 11-5 overall. New Hampshire falls to 7-10 overall, 2-4 in America East.

Vermont jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead to start the game, but the Wildcats were able to reel the Catamounts back in and take a 6-5 lead on a 6-0 run at 15:28 of the first half.

The game remained close throughout the first 20 minutes. It wasn't until the 2:26 mark, with the game tied at 28-28 that Vermont was able to build a slight cushion. A lay-up by senior Morgan Hall keyed an 8-0 run and gave Vermont a 36-28 lead as the teams headed into the locker room.

The Catamounts continued to build on its halftime lead in the opening minutes of the second half to take a 41-28 lead at the 18:08 mark. Again, New Hampshire closed the gap. A three-pointer by Geneva Livingston ignited a 12-2 Wildcat run and brought UNH within three, 43-40, with 13:51 left to play.

Vermont answered right back. Sophomore Tiffany Spinka (Albany, N.Y.), playing in her first game of the season after sitting

out with a back injury, drained a three-pointer to jump-start a 14-4 Vermont run and shove the Catamounts back in front, 57-44, with 8:51 left. Vermont would maintain the comfortable lead until the final 1:30 when UNH put together a 7-3 spurt for the final margin.

Junior Maren Matthias posted her 10th double-double of the season behind a game-high 26 points and 12 rebounds to lead New Hampshire. Livingston added 11 points, four rebounds and six assists.

Senior Morgan Hall led the quartet of Catamounts in double figures. She posted her

Senior Morgan Hall posted her fourth double-double of the year on Saturday, with a team high 20 points and 12 rebounds.

third double-double of the year with a team-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. Theresa LaRocque and Lani Boardman each netted a season-high 16 points, while Dawn Cressman chipped in 11 points and eight rebounds. Spinka finished her first game of the year with eight points, including two three-pointers, and six rebounds.

Vermont, which leads the nation in free-throw percentage, shot 87% from the stripe, making 20 of 23 attempts, while New Hampshire shot just 63.6% (7-for-11) from the line.

The Cats then took on Binghamton on Saturday afternoon after retiring Sheri Turnbull's jersey number in a ceremony before the tip off.

Turnbull is Vermont's all-time leading scorer for the women's basketball program.

A 9-0 Vermont run in with eight

minutes left gave the Catamounts the lift they needed to get past visiting Binghamton, 66-63.

Vermont (12-5, 4-3), which shot just 34.5% in the first half, held an eight-point lead in the first stanza, but a 9-3 Binghamton run over the final five minutes gave the Bearcats a 34-28 lead as the teams headed to the locker room. Binghamton shot 46.4% in the first half.

In the second half, the Catamounts trailed throughout. Binghamton (7-10, 3-4) built a seven point lead, 47-40, on a layup by Erin Forkey. Vermont kept attacking the Bearcat defense and a three-pointer by Lani Boardman with 6:26 left knotted the game up 55-55. Morgan Hall followed with another three-pointer and gave Vermont its first lead, 58-55, since 5:13 of the first half.

Rachel Laws completed a three-point play at 5:12 to tie the game up at 58. Vermont answered with a jumper by Theresa LaRocque and a three-pointer by Tiffany Spinka pushed UVM's lead to five, 63-58, with 4:11 left. Laws would earn another three-point play and convert to bring the Bearcats within two, 63-61, with 2:30 remaining.

LaRocque sank two free throws to put Vermont back out in front by four, 65-61, with 20 seconds left. Binghamton came within two again on Leala Wegwerth's jumper with 10 seconds left. Senior Dawn Cressman made one of two free throws with nine sec-



Morgan Hall puts in a layup against Delhouse in an exhibition game last year.

onds left for the final margin.

Hall led three Catamounts in scoring. She posted her second straight double-double with game-highs of 20 points and 12 rebounds.

LaRocque chipped in 14 points and Cressman added 12. UVM made up for its poor shooting in the first half by shooting 60.9% in the second stanza.

Laws led the Bearcats with 15 points, three rebounds and four

assists. Forkey added 12 points and Kate Townley chipped in 10 points and handed out six assists. Binghamton shot 47.3% from the field for the game.

Vermont returns to action on Wednesday, February 5 when they travel to Holy Cross for a non-conference game. Tip-off is slated for 7:00pm and the game can be heard on WVMT-620 AM.

-SportsInfo

Ski Team Win's 31st

Men's and Women's Ski Team

The University of Vermont ski team won its 31st consecutive UVM Winter Carnival Saturday, getting strong performances from the nordic relay teams and more than enough from the alpine teams to give retiring Director of Skiing Chip LaCasse a victory in his 34th and final year at Vermont.

The Catamounts finished with 741 points, 94 more than second-place New Hampshire, which finished with 647. Dartmouth was farther back in third (617.5) while Middlebury was fourth (604).

The men's nordic relay team of Dave Smutok (Wayland, Mass.), Lowell Bailey (Lake Placid, N.Y.) and Ethan Foster (Weston, Vt.) won the 3 X 5-kilometer relay at Trapp Family Lodge, finishing in 38:21.5.

The women's nordic relay squad of Molly Gray (Newbury, Vt.), Kate Crawford (Hawley, Mass.) and Emily Klemp (Laurium, Mich.) finished third in the women's event, clocking in at 46:34.1. Crawford had the second-fastest split time, making up six spots on Vermont's second leg.

In the slalom races at Stowe Mountain Resort, the women finished 2-4-6 while the men went 2-4-5 to end any chance of a miracle comeback by another school. Ever-consistent Jamie Kingsbury (Waitsfield, Vt.) finished second, with Hilary McCloy (Bethel, Maine) taking fourth place and captain Gillian McPetridge (Ottawa, Ont.) sixth.

For the men, junior co-captain Matt Knittle (Stowe, Vt.) finished second in a great performance, while Hunter Kaltsas (Stratton, Vt.) was fourth and Paul Epstein (Carlisle, Mass.) fifth.

Swimming and Diving Team Wins Last Home Meet

Women's Swimming

The UVM women's swimming and diving team won its third meet of the year Saturday, defeating Providence for the first time ever in the final home meet of the season at Forbush Natatorium.

The Catamounts, which defeated Providence 135-108, are now 3-9 overall as they prepare for the America East Championship Feb. 14-16 in Maine.

The UVM men lost to Providence, 113-79.

For the victorious Catamount women, Vermont sophomore Allison Buza (Huntingdon, Pa.) won the 100 and 200 freestyle and finished second in the 500 free. Her time in the 200 freestyle, 2:01.52, was a personal best for her.

Coach Gerry Cournoyer's team got the meet off to a good start with a decisive win in the 200 medley relay, with

Hilary Taglienti (Westwood, Mass.), Kate McCormick (Winooski, Vt.), Rebecca Witinok-Huber (Iowa City, Iowa) and Jessica Schwartz (Bangor, Maine) finishing in 1:57.44.

Another highlight was freshman diver Kristen Elsmore (Andover, Mass.) posting a big win in the three-meter diving competition, while Vermont went 1-2-3 in both the 100 butterfly and 200 IM.

-SportsInfo

Who Wouldn't Want a Tom Clancy Book on Tape?

By BRETT WEIR
West Coast Cynic Sports Analyst

It took me nearly a full week to recover from last week's mountain mayhem, but my roommate finally convinced me to get out from under the covers and do something!

So I called up my two hiking buddies whom upon the last hike we took literally left me for dead on the side of the trail and went on hiking. I was willing to forgive and forget though.

"A winter hike it shall be! And after that, down we will ski!" said Eric, he likes to talk in Dr. Suess sentences. I rounded up my friend Keith and we headed up to Waterville, Maine where Eric attends Colby.

We woke up very early (7:30 am)

and headed west to Saddleback Mountain in Rangle. It was was shortly after leaving Colby that Eric informed us that he had no idea how to get there, what the trail was like or how we were really going to get down.

After much map flipping and steering wheel slamming, we arrived at the trailhead of the Appalachian Trail. While we tried to pack our bags and secure out snow shoes the logging trucks would whip by us tearing the hats off our heads and the snot out of our nose.

The first half of the 5.7 mile hike was gradual and pleasant with a magnificent blue sky over our head and a 30 degree air temperature. The trail wraps south around the base of the mountain and then heads almost straight up for

three miles. We encountered three small high altitude lakes which provided for a wonderful challenge of where the trail actually went. The heavy amounts of snow covered the worn path through the snow, which had already fallen over the winter season.

As we gained altitude the boughs of the trees that overhung on the trail would dump snow down Eric's back after his skis triggered the snow falls.

While Eric became frustrated by the amount of snow that was travelling down his back, he was completely unaware of the perils which he would soon face as the snow filled his ski boots that he wore strapped over his pack.

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Fogel discusses UVM issues with students during one of his coffee chats. Fogel unveiled his new plan this week to the University, including plans for new buildings and academic programs. In his first year here, Fogel has already establish heavy goals for UVM.

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VC Photo Editor

Fogel's Vision Perceived as Blurry, Unclear

By FAITH HALE
Cynic Staff Writer

President Fogel sent a message to students and faculty this previous week detailing an elaborate plan to change the reputation and physical landscape of the University of Vermont.

The plan includes increasing the selectivity of the University, increasing the enrollment of students by about 2,000, and adding facilities that would dramatically enhance the campus environment.

Some of the physical additions would include some highly needed facilities such as a campus-center complex with a unisex hair salon, a large bookstore, and fast-food vendors as well as lounge and meeting areas.

The proposal includes plans to expand the size of the campus,

including utilizing the newly purchased Trinity campus as a new home for the School of Education and Social Services.

He also explains further details for the creation of the Honors College, a separate college with adjacent faculty and administration, to be initiated this fall.

The Board of Trustees has been enthusiastically in support of the proposed plans, but students seem less than impressed.

Students find some of the additions "illogical" and "not well thought out."

One particular idea that sparks anger in many is the proposed multi-purpose gymnasium with an 8,000 person seating capacity.

"If Fogel went to many of the games, he would see that there are

certainly not enough spectators to warrant a complex of that size," said junior Grace Oliver, "That means that every student would have to attend a game to fill it. Is that ever going to happen? I don't think so."

Others additions are even more puzzling, such as a (where is this to go?) bridge over a man-made stream and pond.

"Someone should tell Fogel that water freezes in the cold, and it's always cold here," said senior Ryan Geary.

Many students question the motives behind the proposed additions. "I feel like the whole point behind it is to move up in the U.S. news and World Reports rankings," stated a freshman, who wishes to remain anonymous.

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Applicant Pool Biggest In 15 Years

Applications to the University of Vermont have increased 7 percent to 10,300, a 15-year high, according to statistics just released by the Office of Admissions.

The increase came on top of the 18 percent rise in applications the university saw last year.

"The word is getting out that the University of Vermont offers an attractive combination of high quality academics and a good student experience set in a terrific location," said Don Honeman, director of admissions and financial aid.

The quality of the applications also rose, Honeman said.

SAT scores increased 17 points overall, with out-of-state scores rising an average 14 points and in-state scores jumping an average 29 points.

"Bright Vermont students who might not have considered UVM in the past have gotten the message that they can do very well for themselves here," Honeman said.

The news was also positive on the diversity front. Applications from students of color increased 13.5 percent from 586 to 665.

The university will mail decision letters in mid-March.

-Press Release

Budget Breakdown: Where Does It All Go?

By NICK RAHAIM
Cynic Staff Writer

The University of Vermont is the economic hub of the Burlington area, generating thousands of jobs within the university and in the community.

Many businesses would have no market without the clientele the university brings to the area. The tuition paid by each student at this university one of the main sources of money flow within this economic hub.

UVM's out-of-state tuition is \$20,100 and the in-state tuition is \$8,040. The out-of-state tuition will be broken down to show in dollar amounts how much of your tuition funds specific department,

programs, and even personnel.

Revenue from net tuition totals \$101,480,000 and makes up 59 percent of UVM's \$172,000,000 General Fund Revenue Budget.

The revenue generated from net undergrad tuition is \$84,280,000, totaling 49 percent of the General Revenue Fund Budget with 8 percent coming from in-state tuition and 41 percent from out-of-state tuition.

As a side note, state appropriation totals \$36,120,000, 21% of the General Fund Revenue Budget, the state legislature has just proposed a 2% increase in state appropriation to the university.

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Concern Over Noise Policy Continues

By CARLI BALDWIN
Cynic Staff Writer

"Certain weekends are just very bad...I've called the police several times and I will do so in the future- these kids are just very loud and thoughtless."

This Burlington resident (name withheld) is referring to the noise and public disturbances caused by student parties in the downtown area.

While university students and local residents have never been known to have any shared camaraderie, tensions between

UVM students and the Burlington community seem to have risen to a head over the past year.

Many town residents, like the one mentioned above, have grown increasingly upset with the weekend behavior of UVM students' downtown.

Residents blame students for late-night noise, drunken and obscene behavior and destructive-ness.

Now Burlington city councilors, led by council member Ian Carleton, are discussing increasing student fines for holding "noisy and raucous" parties.

Currently, the penalty for

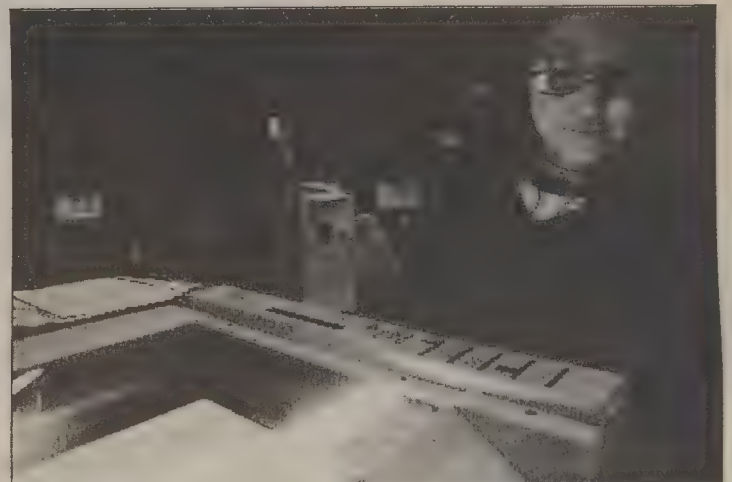
being cited with a noise disturbance is a \$100 fine for the party hosts, although most students are given only a warning the first time.

Yet noise citations are particularly risky for students because once police notice an especially loud house, they are more apt to charge minors for drinking there, resulting in fines which sometimes can be as high as \$200 per person.

This past fall city councilors proposed a plan that would not only increase the fine for a first offense noise violation to \$500 but also would enable police to fine party-goers as well as the hosts.

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Bailey/Howe Goes Green



Andy Duback, VC Staff

The library now has a print station that uses 100% recycled paper. Be green, use the station by the Cyber Cafe.

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State of Urgency

Another weekend goes by.
More people get in trouble.
More people risk getting kicked out of school.
More people complain heartily and colorfully about their disciplinary woes.
Woes sometimes deserved, but sometimes unwarranted, at least inasmuch as the intensity of the punishment.
More people suffer the same sentiment, over and over again.

Yet fewer and fewer people voice their concerns.

To whom?

Well, the administration, to name one.

To the Student Government Association, to name another.

To anyone but each other, and even then, in a muddled state of mind, late at night, early in the morning, kissed by Arbor Mist.

Awash in the Parrot's Bay.

High five to that.

Not.

For all the fiery words, for all the hot-blooded, sometimes necessary middle fingers being proudly raised, where are those matching voices rising up against an administration that is thought to unfairly cast its vote, seemingly the only one that matters?

So many claim to be so unhappy with the decrees of the Higher Ups who include Fogel and any number of those strategists who decide student fate.

But the numbers of people who are so miffed do not balance out when compared to the number of people who do anything about their irritation, their castigations so unlawfully dealt.

Proportion lies in a student body that

acts upon its word.

If addressing the adult kingdom of UVM's Higher Ups intimidates you, fine by all means, we sympathize.

So tell the students who do enjoy chock-ing it up with the best of the aged authori-tarians.

Convey your thoughts and concerns to the people who do wish to face the admin-istration.

Give a "Holla" to the fine folk of the Student Government Association so that they can accurately represent their public.

Give them something to do.

Make them work for and with you by giving them strong messages to pass along to the administration.

Otherwise, in your apathy, you are mis-using the power that has so been bestowed upon you.

Otherwise, keep your mouths shut because you have nothing to make a peep about.

You have no right to complain if you are part of the problem, not the solution.

And would you not like to be responsi-ble for positive change in this school?

Right now, there are too many unhappy faces peppering our otherwise bright and bubbly campus.

But these faces, your faces, shall remain cloudy and contorted in your bitterness, your due bitterness, until you DO SOME-THING ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT PISS YOU OFF.

You and yours will have an easier time keeping on keeping on if you today aid in eradicating the missteps you so think are those of an unchecked demagogue.

As & Fs

As

-To President Fogel for announcing his vision to all of UVM. How nice to enact democracy.

-To Kristen Rigney's Saturday night, eight to ten p.m. radio-show on WRUV, 90.1. Suupa fly-suupa duupa fly. That's one hot piecea tune-totin,' photo-editing, pink camouflage long underwear-wearing chick.

Fs

-To the actual vision announced by President Fogel. What inspired this vision? What state of mind were you in when this vision came to you? Are you homesick for LSU, which IS NOT here, and thus playing the game of pretend?

-To those of you who disagree with 'Fs.' Are you weekly forced to spend 24 hours straight in the flaming bowels of Billings as public servants nee conscious citizens?

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Draft This

To the Editor:

How many of us, in our right minds, would wake up one morning and say to our son or daughter: "Here is a gun and an uncertain number of bullets.

Go out and murder as many people as you can.

Or if someone kills you first and you come home to us in a body bag, we'll bury you and put a nice little flag on your grave on Memorial Day.

If you are just wounded, we'll put you in a hospital if there's room and if we have the money after the richest one per-cent gets its tax cut.

You may never have that inner glow of pride that is supposed to come with knowing you went on this murderous spree for 'God and Country.'

You weren't given much time to think or ask questions (weeks, not months) as

President Bush warned.

If you should use all your bullets and come home physically intact, you might get a medal.

You might even have the mental capacity to wonder why you were sent out and why you went.

You might wonder who all these people you killed were because most of them you never saw or heard.

You might even wonder if this was why you were put on this earth."

The big question for those of us in our right minds is: Why, generation after generation, are we still doing this?

Maybe we just think we're in our right minds.

Winnie Pineo

UVM consultant and mentor

Patriotism Not Defined By Blind Faith in Mob Mentality

To the Editor:

I take exception to Ellen Dobb's state-ment that many people volunteered for military service after 9/11.

As old as I am, I remember clearly that there were no increases in enlistments reported by the military.

As far as this "war" goes, to participate in American imperialism and coloniza-tion of the world starting with Iraq is a contradiction to every principle this nation was founded upon.

The American public must be very careful concerning who and what they are patriotic to.

A true patriot is only patriotic to the Constitution and those politicians who follow their oath of office in support of it.

In this case, I vote hell no, I won't go.

Bill Brueckner

Equality Not Equal to Superiority

To the Editor:

"When I get paid the same amount as my male counterpart," commented one UVM female, "then I'll go and fight with them."

As I read this statement to myself, my mind is tossed into a whirlpool of...

I'm just baffled?

I tell my friend Flozack.

His only response... a "Wha...wha...what, dude?"

Anger engulfs my psyche.

How can someone pull the sex wild card in an issue of life and death?

The argument is ridiculous.

Basically, the person is saying that she does not have the same status that men have, so she's not going to participate in things that demonstrate equivalent status

with men (i.e. the draft).

So, you are saying that you want equal pay, but you don't want to be seen as an equal to men on the battlefield.

I don't get it.

Oh, I see, you want equal rights.

No.

You want the equal rights that benefit you.

Ok, cool.

On a grounds purely aesthetic, howev-er, how can someone compare the value of life with that of money?

Word.

Nicholas Bewley

Class of 2005

WRITE WRITE WRITE WRITE FOR
THE CYNIC...MEETINGS EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5 p.m. YOU WRITE
FOR US, WE DANCE FOR YOU...WE
THINK IT'S A FAIR TRADE...AN
ARTICLE FOR A TANGO, RIGHT?
HAMMURABI SEZ, "YEEEE-HAA!"

Save Me from Myself

When I began to write this article, I really couldn't think of anything too noteworthy.

But, then I remembered an old adage:

Write about what you know.

I began to mentally skim through my interests and hobbies.

Here's what I came up with:

The eighties.

Poetry.

Hip hop.

Books.

Especially books that take place in the eighties.

Not driving, because I don't have a license.

Eating.

Checking people's away

messages on AOL

I n s t a n t

Messenger.

(Don't judge, you do it too.)

The movie, Miss Congeniality, for some reason.

Also Newsies.

Now I

stopped at Newsies.

That's a really great movie.

Yet, while rich in critical possibility, it is surprisingly underrepresented in cinematic commentary.

A few ideas I came up with:

Why has the live-action musical disappeared?

Why was Disney's brilliant stab at reviving it received so lukewarmly?

Why wasn't a sequel considered?

A sequel with an older and more mature "Spot" Conlon?

(A compelling and quite attractive character but disappointingly under-developed in the movie).

Why was this hypothetical character not at the center of the plotline?

Should we examine the possibility of once again hiring cute swaggering boys to sell papers and exchange street-smart wise-cracks up and down city blocks?

Should they dance?

Then I thought maybe I should stop being a nerd and write about something cool.

Something like drugs or the anti-war movement.

Or perhaps something like an article rife with anti-police sentiment.

No, no, it's been done.

I have little new material to add to these topics.

Besides, I like to think of myself as an original.

See, the thing is, this is the first article I've ever written.

My foray into journalism has consisted mainly of my position as editor of my fourth grade newspaper.

Oh, and also a letter (unpublished) to "Seventeen" complaining about its too-skinny models.

Okay, so here I am.

297 words.

Yep.

Alright.

I'm just going to get right into what I really want to write about.

Cut through all the pointless

pandering.

Slash and burn the fear of criticism.

Just get to the heart of a real issue.

Why can't I sign offline?

Seriously.

I'm at one day, 11 hours, 56 minutes right now.

That's nothing, though.

I won a contest last semester by staying on over a week at one stretch.

I was really proud, too.

And not only can I not sign offline, but I have a more serious problem therein:

I spend way too much time thinking about IM.

Scheming, if you will.

For instance:

When I first downloaded instant messenger last year, my screenname didn't go gray when I was "idle."

I switched it up later because I wanted to be like everyone else and go gray.

Still with me?

Good.

So then I realized that if my name were gray, people might decide not to IM me because I probably wasn't there.

I wanted to get their IMs anyway.

Plus, whenever it wasn't gray, people would know I was at the computer.

What if it was a Saturday night?

Someone might glance at a computer screen and see my name (still black) on his or her buddy list and think, that loser.

She would be home on a Saturday night.

She's probably sitting there drinking-alone.

I bet her only accompaniment, a pathetic one, at that, is watching reruns of Will and Grace.

Reruns she wittingly downloaded onto her computer.

I was unable to bear such a harsh potential judgment.

So I reverted back to my non-graying state.

But I made sure to put a little note in my AIM profile.

A note that let everyone know I no longer went gray.

(Otherwise, for a while, when they saw my always-black screenname, they might just think I was always at the computer).

I have a social life.

I really really do.

I have friends, and I didn't meet them in chat rooms.

So why?

Why am I like this?

I know for a fact that I'm not alone, either.

There are plenty of you out there who are empathizing with my predicament right now.

What should we do, guys?

Should we institute a National Offline Day, like that one they have where you're not supposed to watch TV?

I don't think it would help.

My sickness is too far along.

Case in point:

I have been known to say witty things over IM with pre-meditation for one reason and one reason only:

The hope that the recipient of my hilarious communication will stick my quote in his or her profile.

Or maybe use it as an away message.

Creepy, huh?

And when I check others' profiles, if there's a quote attributed to a screenname (X) I don't recognize, I look it up and play a little game.

A game wherein, based on X's profile and away messages, I try to figure out who X is.

Sometimes I'm lucky and X will include a link to his or her live journal.

If it's around morning-afternoon time, I sometimes get my kicks a different way.

How?

By checking how long people have been idle.

Why?

To see if I can figure out what time they went to bed.

Oh, my god.

No one is ever going to talk to me again.

Or IM me.

Please understand!

Please be aware that I know there's a problem.

I do.

But there's something about college and being perennially online that just go together for me.

If you identify with some of what I've written here, play it safe.

Sign off for a day just to see if you can handle it.

I am already lost.

But maybe there's still hope for you.

And if you see me online, do me a favor:

As your good deed of the day, and this will reflect positively upon you, type me a message in bold all caps:

"SIGN OFF."

Natalie Powers is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Lending a Hand

In January, in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, approximately 500,000 people demonstrated against President Bush's proposed war on Iraq, as reported by the New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio and others.

Displayed at the demonstration were a significant number of labor and union activists, minorities, a myriad of political organizations and a cross-section of all ages.

Despite attempts by conservative and pseudo-liberal commentators to red-bait and otherwise undermine the anti-war movement, the demonstrations marked a huge step forward for the forces of reason in this country.

And the numbers present at these protests represent only the tip of the iceberg. Poll after poll reveals widespread anti-war sentiment, as well as general anger against the twisted, right-wing priorities of Bush.

From his attack on affirmative action, to abortion rights, to the environment to the American working class, Bush's missteps do not go unnoticed.

According to the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, nearly 75% of Americans are against a war on Iraq that does not receive UN sanction.

Moreover, only 46% of Americans would support a war with Iraq even if UN inspectors find the government hiding "the ability to easily make weapons."

Finally, the New York Times reports that majorities also feel that Bush is taking the country in the wrong direction. Unfortunately for Bush, most people are beginning to see that the National Security Strategy of the United States (also known as the 'Bush Doctrine') that was released last year applies not only abroad, but to Bush's domestic policy.

The doctrine states, in part, that America reserves the right to take "anticipatory action to defend ourselves, even if uncertainty remains as to the time and place of the enemy's attack."

Further, it adds that America's forces must "be strong

enough to dissuade potential adversaries from pursuing a military [or political?] build-up in hopes of surpassing, or equaling, the power of the United States." Of course, 'America' and 'ourselves' actually read as the 'American ruling class' and 'wealthy elite.'

We begin to see a description of what the Bush administration is orchestrating against his political and economic opponents at home.

His latest tax cut proposal epitomizes this offensive. According to the Urban Institute-Brookings Tax Center, about 64% of the benefits of the tax cut will go to the wealthiest 5% of taxpayers.

Yet those making \$21,000 a year will receive a mere \$47!

The tasks at hand are not to be ignored. As a revolutionary socialist, this means getting active. We activate ourselves by helping to build broad anti-war coalitions.

Activism is marked by building the fight against racism. It includes defending a woman's right to choose. It is definitively comprised of aiding in the unionization of workplaces. Activism is providing a bridge that can bring all of these struggles together.

Our ability is in our numbers—as separate fingers we are weak; as a fist we are strong. We must begin to organize ourselves into the fist with which we can beat back the Bush attack.

Join the International Socialist Organization (ISO). Join Students Against War (SAW). Join Students Organizing Against Racism (SOAR). Join the Faculty Union or work with the UVM Women's Center.

Get on a bus headed to New York City on Feb. 15 for the massive international demonstration against the war.

And begin to exchange thoughts on the world with your friends, your classmates, your janitors, your professors.

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Tastes Like Nuclear Meltdown

"I'm not afraid!" yelps Marge Simpson as she runs past the nursing home.

Grandpa Simpson, rocking away on the porch, dryly replies, "Then you're not paying attention."

Truer words have never been spoken. The Simpsons have stated blatant, earth-shattering truths before, but this left me speechless.

Can any of us deny Grandpa's wisdom?

No, I think not. Pay attention.

War from both Iraq and Korea seem imminent. There looms the prospect of an overturned Roe vs. Wade decision. Talks and bills of draft reinstatement hover.

And, oh yes, there are millions (if not billions) of humans living below poverty lines.

And on and on.

We should all be very afraid.

What should further our total apprehension is an obvious and disturbing fact. A fact even more pungent and offensive than grannies in lingerie. The fact? The majority of countries are run by egotistical and faux-educated aliens disguised as monsters.

And, "Why," you may ask, "are these people really aliens disguised as monsters?"

Then my eyes open wide, because I love having the opportunity to hear myself talk, and reply, "Because, you see, these people, are not people, they are extraterrestrials who are all members of a cult of sorts, whose main tenants are those virtues of the Seven Deadly sins."

I know what you're thinking, "Man, this kid has got to be smoking crack like the Mayor of D.C. if he really believes the horseflop that is spewing out of his mouth." But, I assure you, I do believe the manure.

The positions of power, involving both government and the corporate world, in a majority of instances, are consistently occupied and acted out according

to the seven sins. These extraterrestrials exhibit this tendency like it's their job.

You know why? Because it is their job.

The following are just a few examples of actions performed by those in power, in accordance with the seven deadly sins.

The first of the sins is Pride.

Defined as an excessive belief in one's abilities, this characteristic is consistently portrayed by the leaders of countries.

For example: Saddam's and George's inability to see that war at this point would only escalate into a horror no one wants to face.

Next on the faithful list of sins happens to be Envy.

Since an explanation of envy is unnecessary, I shall just go right to an example. It is quite obvious that Tony Blair has a serious crush on George.

I think it's cute, but certainly this has no place in government. Also, he does have some big ears, eh?

Following the always-reliable envy is Gluttony.

This is an excessive greed which prompts one to consume and own much more than is necessary.

I believe that both Saddam and the former C.E.Os of Enron, World-Com, etc., fit the bill quite nicely.

Saddam, with his hundreds of palaces, while many of his people live in poverty, and the former C.E.Os who duped their companies out of billions of dollars, while jobs, salaries and stocks plummeted.

Lust seems to be a tricky one.

Having an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body is one of my personal favorite tenants of the alien cult.

Two shining pupils of the lust philosophy are Bill "Slickwilly" Clinton and Marion "Crackhead" Barry.

The former needs no clarifi-

cation as he is known as the President who liked receiving a little fellatio from impressionable, not-so-beautiful interns. The latter, on the other hand, is a bit less known. Although I alluded to this earlier in the article, Marion Barry is the crack smoking mayor of Washington, D.C.

He was caught, on tape, mind you, hitting the trusty old crack-pipe, served jail time for it, then was reelected mayor when he was freed. Only in Alien-run America.

The fifth deadly sin is anger.

Now, this to me seems like a lesser vehicle of sinfulness. I get angry, you get angry, we all get angry.

The perfect example here is North Korea's never-smiling leader, Kim Jong II, who will not give up his weapons program just to prove that he is a man. What a stubborn mule that one is.

Next in line for explanation is Greed.

I believe that in this instance, greed is quite close to gluttony in both definition and the examples that I would give.

So, if you really need a real life example of gluttony, just read my thoughts on greed and apply them here.

Final on the list of seven is Sloth.

The avoidance of physical and spiritual work is the true meaning of sloth.

Two words and an initial for you: George W. Bush.

Enough said.

It should be pretty clear by now that my thesis is correct.

We are living in a world which is controlled by cult-infused aliens, masked as monsters, parading as politicians.

We all need to realize the futility of what has happened to our freedom. It is non-existent.

We are more powerless now than ever before.

Remember, if you aren't afraid, then you're not paying close enough attention.

Read Our Lips: No New Tactics

If one were to take a walk around UVM, one would notice a silence that overwhelms the campus.

No, it's not the cold weather making the campus feel abandoned; it's the lack of voices speaking out for and against campus issues.

The lack of discussion and debate on this campus currently disturbs me.

Have people lost the ability to form opinions?

I don't think that's it.

People are afraid to speak their opinions, which is even worse.

Has anyone been paying attention lately?

Major changes are being incorporated into this school, and no one's making a peep about them.

Did I miss something?

Has this suddenly become Middlebury, where most students are complacent and afraid to speak their minds?

This is not the UVM way.

There are a few key silences that really upset me in our attempts to be an overly "PC" campus.

One is from the political right.

While I do not happen to agree with the right on most issues, they have suddenly fallen silent.

No students should feel that their opinions don't matter, because even though the right is probably a minority on this campus, it's made of more than just one person.

The other voice silenced is from the SGA, the organization that is supposed to respond to the administration's doings and speak for the campus.

As far as I can see, they're not speaking to anyone about what we students want.

If they are speaking to anyone, they haven't asked students what they feel should be said, so how could they know?

And it's not like people around here are offering them their opinions.

Come on here, guys.

College is one of the few times in our lives that we can speak about anything and everything, largely without worrying about the consequences.

You cannot get fired from college for speaking out against a company.

You cannot get the collegiate boot for vocalizing your disapproval, however great or small, for the war.

everyone elected not to use his or her

first amendment rights?

I think our administration at both our University and our nation has something to do with it.

Major changes like the implementation of an Honors College and proposed increased fees for all students have come to be without a peep from anyone, because the administration hasn't allowed students to voice their opinions.

These coffee chats with Fogel are not the best idea when they're held at either 8 a.m. Friday mornings or during the time when students have class.

Why not hold some panel discussions at Ira Allen, presenting the plans and allowing students to speak out in favor or against them?

It's our money, and we're more than capable of providing good criticism as well as praise for their plans.

On the national level, some polls have shown that there is not overwhelming support for this impending war with Iraq, yet there is only a small minority of Americans speaking out against it.

How come the French can beat us to the punch?

Our first amendment rights, some of our most valuable rights, are being underused.

Who are you waiting for to speak your opinion, the SGA?

Don't hold your breath.

It's ridiculous to think they know what every student wants on this campus, so why let them guess?

You need to come out and speak up.

Don't worry that your opinion might offend someone.

If you're part of a group and you don't like what's happening, speak out.

People must understand that individuals do not necessarily represent the organizations they belong to, but that they speak for themselves unless they specifically say they are speaking on behalf of their organizations in full.

Our nation was built on and thrives on free speech, protest and speaking out to get what you want.

If our forefathers had been worried about offending the British, then who knows where this country would be?

We all know that women who ran the equal rights movement, along with outstanding individuals such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks, weren't afraid to speak their minds.

And as Ludwig Borne once said, "Only the suppressed word is dangerous."

Don't allow others to speak for you.

We're all intelligent college students who have educated opinions.

Why not voice them?

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Students Are Concern With Fogel's Vision For UVM

Continued from front

"It's his dream, not the students," stated another anonymous student, "I just don't think he understands why we are here," further sitting the small school feel and relaxed atmosphere.

Though students recognize many of the additions as "necessary," and "a great improvement," it seems as if some students find it difficult to let go of their previous resentments towards Fogel.

"Regardless of what he wants to do, we're still paying over thirty thousand for him to build a house on the lake," said one discouraged student.

There are a lot better ways to spend this kind of money," said freshman Dana Keith, a sentiment echoed across campus.

The most popular ideas among students seem to be paying teachers more, reducing in-state tuition, and better food services.

"Regardless of what he wants to do, we're still paying over thirty thousand for him to build a house on the lake."

Another student has less ambitious ideas, "I'd prefer nice toilet paper to a bridge and a pond. I would use nice toilet paper a lot more

than I would a pond" said first-year Hayley Block.

Fogel needs to find a more effective means of communication before continuing with these developments, to avoid inciting further anger on campus.

Many students and even faculty avoided viewing the lengthy message, which extended almost six pages.

"I never read those messages, they're always pretentious and full of it" stated an anonymous teacher.

A disgruntled anonymous student summed up the feelings of many on campus, "what does he think we're going to do, read it?"

"Perhaps Fogel should talk to people who actually live on campus," said sophomore Charlotte Lee.

A majority of the students questioned requested anonymity, fearing that their negative comments would result in punitive measures.

Tuition Distributed to Many Areas of Campus

Continued from front

The General Fund Expenditure Budget totals \$172,350,591. The budget is proposed by the administration to the Board of Trustees who must approve it. UVM's Board of Trustees consists of 25 members; 9 legislative, 9 self-perpetuating, 3 gubernatorial, 2 student, along with the Governor of Vermont and the President of UVM.

Within Executive Support
Professor James F. Gatti, PhD, of the School of Business Administration is representative on the Board of Trustees' Finance and Budget Committee.

Gatti said the main concerns in creating a budget are, A. "Generating adequate revenue to provide a high quality education to students," and B. "Keeping tuition to a level that does not drive students away."

A rough breakdown of the General Fund Expenditure Budget shows that around 69 percent goes to the compensation of university employees, 18 percent of which funds employee benefits and 50.7 percent funds employee salaries and wages. 2.6 percent funds library acquisitions, 25 percent funds operating and equipment costs, and 3.7 percent funds the university's energy costs.

Now for the break down of UVM's out-of-state tuition to show the specific allocation of funds in dollar amounts. \$9,575.64 of the out-of-state tuition is allocated to the university's colleges, schools, and other educational programs.

The College of Arts and

Sciences takes the largest percent of that figure with \$3,109.47; of that \$17.28 pays A&S Dean, Joan Smith. Breaking down this amount school by school: College of Engineering and Mathematics (\$884.40), School of Business Administration (\$369.84), College of Natural Resources (\$319.59), College of Nursing and Health Service (\$486.42), College Educating and Social

Science (\$722.59), and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (\$562.80).

\$365.72 is allocated to

Agriculture Research and Related Services, making up 1.919 percent of total expenditures.

The UVM Farm falls under this category with \$33.76. \$428.13 funds the Extension System, 2.13 percent of the General Fund Expenditure Budget.

\$2,128.59 goes toward Academic Support; within Academic Support are the university's libraries, \$1,137.66, and the Fleming Museum, \$46.03. \$1,115.55 of the out-of-state tuition is allocated to Student Services; that consists of Student Affairs (\$208.84), Academic Support Program (\$58.29), Athletics (\$355.77), Admissions and Financial Aid (\$359.79), Registrar (\$104.52), ALANA Students Services (\$28.86). The Men's and Women's Hockey Teams are the varsity sports that are most funded by the university with \$24.65 of out-of-state tuition allocated to them, with a total budge of \$210,941.

The Men's and Woman's Basketball teams are a close sec-

ond with \$24.53, with a total budget of \$209,945.

\$3,471.27 of the out-of-state tuition funds Institutional Support; under the category of Institutional Support \$487.02 funds Executive Support.

Within Executive Support \$126.02 goes to the President's Office and \$30.38 goes toward paying President Fogel's base salary of \$260,000, also within the Executive Support \$20.72 base Provost John Bramley's base salary of \$177,284.

Also within the Institutional Support category \$1,784.88 is allocated to General Administrative Services consisting of Police Services - \$144.92, Computing Information and Technology - \$538.68, and Human Resources - \$393.56. Closing out the Institutional Support category \$818.67 goes toward Community Relations.

\$2,424.06 goes toward the Operation and Maintenance of the Plant. \$291.25 falls in the category of Debt Service, Transfer, Other. \$259.29 is allocated under the Central Funds category, \$237.18 of which is unallocated which makes up 1.18 percent of the General Fund Expenditure Budget.

UVM's out-of-state tuition ranks among the highest for public universities, yet the rate of increase for tuition and fees is significantly less than the national average.

Between the years of 1993 and 2003 the national average for the total increase in tuition and fees for public and private universities are 74.9 percent, increasing 5.7 percent, while the in-state tuition and fees at UVM is 45.9 percent and 45.5 percent for out-of-state tuition and fees.



Leaders Work to Modify Council's Plans for Noise

Continued from front

A busted party of 20 students then, could feasibly bring in \$10,000 to the city revenue. Also, the revised plan would make a second noise violation a criminal offense.

Not surprisingly, students feel differently than Burlington homeowners about the noise ordinances issue.

Some students seem to acknowledge the general nature of university life-"Why would they want to bust down on college students? College students are going to be loud."

Others feel that the proposed steep fines are simply a sign that community homeowners do not want to cooperate or even co-exist with UVM students, who comprise roughly 20% of the Burlington area population.

Students complain of certain houses in town being placed under constant "surveillance" by the police and of neighbors over-exaggerating noise levels.

One student recalls the \$150 she was fined for having less than 20 people in her house early on a Friday evening. She says, "There

was no music, nobody was intoxicated, and since it was September all the windows were open...(this fine) was totally illegitimate because...at least they could have just asked us to shut the windows first."

Still some students, like SGA president Jon Badaracco and senior Stephanie Bennett, are working to modify the city council's strict fine increases.

In hopes of finding some common ground on the noise ordinances debate, Bennett has organized a forum between Burlington area colleges to discuss downtown issues and noise violation concerns.

She has also started a "downtown relations" committee. Badaracco has presented the city with a counter-proposal to their increased fines plan.

The SGA wished to keep the current noise disturbance fine at \$100 for a first offense but add 10 hours of community service work to the charge for the party hosts.

Our SGA also wants to prevent the second offense from being considered a criminal charge.

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"Kafka, a philosopher
who wrote 'The Nature
of the Mind'"

Ian Clark, 2006



"The hot girl from
'Run, Lola, Run'"

Ashley, 2004



"The inventor of chap-
stick, because it mois-
tens my lips and you
need that on Valentine's
Day."

Katy Aseltine, 2003



"Aphrodite, I think she
would be experienced,
oh, and I love Claire
my girlfriend."

Joshua Kliger, 2006



"Lara Croft, the video
game cartoon, because
she sure knows how to
kick."

Jesse Bernstein, 2005



"Abe Lincoln, based
solely on his smile."

Sean Moore, 2006

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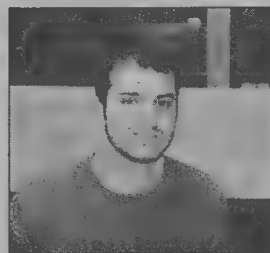
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What Do You Want For
Valentine's Day?



"I want a vibrator."

Pam Lozier, 2005



"It will definitely
involve a hot tub."

Andrew McDonald,
2005



"Two girls at the same
time."

Jason Roulau, 2005



"I want someone to
sweep me off my feet
and for Chris to get a
wallabe."

Cara Gandy, 2006



"My roommate's girl-
friend."

Kurt Carbone, 2006



"Definitely Will Smith,
I have been in love with
him since Fresh Prince
days."

Liz Sheftman, 2004



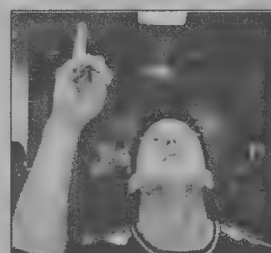
"Hey Tyer, I hope you
ski fast, but I'll be
hanging out with your
sister."

Nate Johansing, 2005



"The boy sitting behind
me."

Megan Murphy, 2003



"Nate's mom."

Jeff Rutledge, 2003



"The hot Cynical
Inquisition guy."

Rachel, 2006

Banff Film Festival Screening At CC Theather

By ROBERT WALKER
Cynic News Editor

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is the largest of its kind, and is currently in its 27th year of operation.

The CC theater played host to three showings of this internation-

ally renowned festival and was filled to capacity for each.

The Banff Film Festival reviews hundreds of mountain films and selects a handful for various awards and distinctions.

Following the festival itself, which takes place in November each year, a selection of exceptional entries hit the road on tours across the globe. For eleven months various crews take the entries to locales in 26 countries.

Locally the UVM Outing Club hosts the event with sponsorship from the Ski Rack, and Petra Climbing.

Films varied from a short based on a disabled skier to a documentary-length piece on two Brits who travelled to the heart of Papua New Guinea to climb a previously unclimbed face of the largest peak on the island.

The latter told of a journey through the cannibalistic heart of a nearly untouched jungle. Braving flesh deterioration and man-eaters alike, the pair of unlikely heroes climbed their way to the 15,000+ foot peak.

Mountain films, aside from their common interest in things elevated, are immensely diverse and inspiring. Banff provides these films with a tremendous opportunity to have them showcased.

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Dr. Nugent,

You may not have a PhD., or a diploma from a credited medical school, but when it comes to rock 'n' roll, you're as precise as a surgeon. Ha! Get it? I'm writing this letter to you because I've been one of your biggest fans ever since I first accidentally heard your genius with The Amboy Dukes at my first slumber party.

Somebody put on Journey To The Center Of The Mind, and I was hooked. I stayed up all night

sipping hot coca, looking for any music you had ever made. I stayed up so late looking for any Nuge I could find, that I was late for school the next morning. Yeah, 2000 was a crazy year. So after that slumber party some people said I had a 'problem' or a 'fever'. It's hard to put into words

how much I love your music, but on a scale from 1 to 10, I love your music a lot.

I mean it. Your music has changed my life and I've slowly been modeling my life after yours. Last week I bought three guns and today I slaughtered my hamster. See Ted, I'm a hunter too! I've also started seeing a really hot seventeen year old that hangs out by the river. It's been going really well, and I don't think I'll have any problem getting her parents to give me full legal custody (wink), just like you did!

I also think it's really cool how you are drug free. I'm drug free too... now. It's kind of funny, because as a child I could never have caffeine. My mom said it made me 'crazy' and 'violent', but

she's always joking. There was this one time she said I was ruining her life! Ha ha ha ha! Her boyfriend thought it was so funny he said the same thing. Oh, if only you could meet her Ted!

She's a riot! I started taking guitar lessons last week, and already I can play A Horse With No Name by America. I was working on learning one of your songs, Wango Tango, but my Ted Nugent leather loincloth gave me a real bad rash during practice.

I still think it was worth it. I redecorated my room to have a Ted Nugent theme too, but I kept the Ted Nugent corner of fame that was apart of my old design.

I started a band last month that only plays your songs, and guess what? I'm the lead singer!

My mom just told another really good joke and said the only reason I'm in the band is because I have a van.

She said I was a disgrace and if my father was alive he would kick my ass. It's nonstop comedy with her! She's funnier than Adam Sandler! She just told me to leave her house! Ha ha ha! She should write for Friends, it would only get funnier than it already is, if that's possible! You've really helped me turn my life around Ted and I can't thank you enough.

Your Number 1 fan,
Nicholas Green

Next Week's Letter:
Richard Gere



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Step One: Understanding Comedy

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

With January now over, and February dominating everyone's life, there are a few questions on everyone's mind here in Burlington, VT: What's an Honors College? What constitutes a joke, hilarious situation, or anything funny? How can I hone my crude sense of humor into money making potential? Lasagna buffet for breakfast again?

Instead of dismissing these questions as 'idiotic', 'foolish', and 'provincial', I have taken it upon myself to address questions like these. Let's begin with understanding exactly what is funny. Although there are perhaps thousands of different variations of humor, all humor/comedy basically falls into five categories:

I'm-laughing-at-you humor

This is the foundation of almost all contemporary humor. It features a clear subject-object relationship, for example: You and your friends are coming back from Radio Shack, when Tommy Lawrence comes walking by and makes fun of your biking hat and jean shorts. You are the object, or more accurately, your jean shorts (very tight) and biking hat (with elastic band), are the object of Tommy Lawrence's "good time". Ease of detection: *Easy*

I've-disguised-my-laughing-at-you-so-you-think-I'm-laughing-at-something-else humor

"Disguised" humor is one of the hardest to identify and isolate. Its victims are usually unaware that this type of humor is being employed in their presence even though the laughter around them is unusually loud and in no way obeys the "laughter fits joke" rule. You might hear a joke about an ice cream cone that doesn't warrant a lot of laughter, but the laughter is there nonetheless. This is a pretty good indication that you are the "object" or "butt" of "Disguised" humor.

Ease of detection: *Very difficult*

Staggered-humor

Think of Roseanne singing the National Anthem. It wasn't funny to anyone at the time, the one exception being the Roseanne

fan that happened to catch it while channel surfing through middle age life, but after seeing and hearing it over and over again, and knowing how mad everyone at that game was, the situation becomes much funnier.

Her rendition of the National Anthem became even funnier after she made a public apology. Its hilarity only grew once we learned she apologized to save her career! This can now be understood as the funniest moment of whatever year she did that in.

humiliation has been a mainstay of American life ever since the first Pilgrim tried to negotiate with Native Americans, only to then have the Native Americans come back and try to retrieve what they had sold, and consequently looked foolish in the Pilgrim community.

Public humiliation has become the bedrock of American comedy. *America's Funniest Home Videos* is the seminal example of "public-humiliation" humor, although there exists a

debate in the academic world that would have A.F.V. categorized as "crotch-hit" humor or, that humor which features crotches in conjunction with violent action.

Ease of detection: *Easy*

Since we have now effectively isolated the five most important types of humor/comedy, we must now examine the counterpoint: *Everything Not Funny*. Because this subject is so large, I will list only the most important examples *Everything Not Funny*:

-Jokes that rely on facial expressions and/or noises

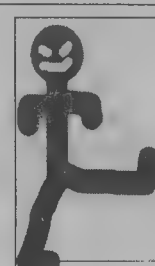
-Repeating 'funny' parts of movies till they are no longer funny

-Tim Allen
-The guy from That 70's show with his own movie
-The Handicapped
-Ross Perot
-Gwen Steffani
-Recent SNL
-Carrot Top
-Austin Powers (see Jokes that rely...)

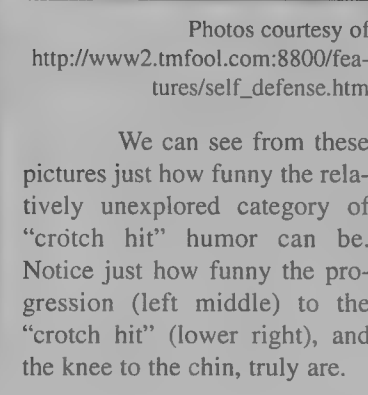
So if you happen to see or hear any of these examples on a bus, in a classroom, or even an occasional bathroom, don't hesitate to point out to whoever delivered such an unfunny joke/situation/anything else, that they shouldn't be engaged in such activities. Explain to them, that there are many categories of humor that 'work'. You can then explain the five categories. After you're done, place your hands on their shoulders, hit record, and extend your knee through their "groin plane".



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We can see from these pictures just how funny the relatively unexplored category of "crotch hit" humor can be. Notice just how funny the progression (left middle) to the "crotch hit" (lower right), and the knee to the chin, truly are.

Ease of detection: *Moderate*

I'm-in-a-higher-socio-economic-bracket-than-you humor

This type of humor should be seen as the ideal in any humorous situation. This might be my Social Darwinism showing through, but there are a few people made for funny situations; they are those people in any group without "social mobility". They constantly leave themselves open for ridicule, mockery, and, any joke with an awkward punch line, as the punch line can be easily redirected to make fun of them. Socio-economic humor is the most universal of the "Five Categories" and can be adapted to fit many different circumstances, especially when it involves close friends and an excuse (I was wasted man, I can't even remember what I said.).

Ease of detection: *Very easy*

You've-just-been-publicly-humiliated humor

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TOASTED VEGETABLES

BY LILLIE KINGSTON AND
ANDREW WOODS

By ANDREW WOODS
Arts/Entertainment Editor

Toasted Vegetables will not be running for the second week in a row. This is not an attempt by the editorial staff of The Vermont Cynic to create an artificial hype surrounding Toasted Vegetables. Rather, we seek to explain the causes of the second cancellation to our readers, which have been identified and are in the process of being dramatically altered. The causes of this week's cancellation are as follows:

- 1.) The content of this week's comic strip was again, an issue of editorial concern, and ultimately censorship.
- 2.) This week's episode experienced an 'editorial compromise' (Industry term); this means the comic strip was seen and altered before it was subjected to editorial review.
- 3.) Intra-staff related problems of varying natures. Unfortunately, due to a non-disclosure agreement signed by the members of the edi-

torial board, we are unable to comment further on this cause of cancellation.

The second cancellation of Toasted Vegetables is, however, not without precedent. The first successive cancellation of Toasted Vegetables occurred in 1983, after then editor, Charles Schluffmann, slept through two Sundays of layout and editorial work.

Although the history of Toasted Vegetables is, in and of itself, fascinating and worth special consideration, it is not the intention of the Cynic editorial board to produce an historical dossier of Vegetables.

This reader address will hopefully serve to not only explain the current cancellation of Vegetables, but hopefully, will serve to better inform readers to the complexities of comic strip production. Thank you, and look forward to next's weeks *Toasted Vegetables*.

Sick of being disrespected? Got the looks, but not the brain? Want to write A&E? The Sopranos on campus television? WHY?!

Meetings: 5 pm Wednesdays
E-mail: vcarts@zoo.uvm.edu

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

I worked for a company (IBM) this summer. They had some serious plans (take over the world). I no longer work for them (fired for stealing pens and taking whippets from the employee kitchen), but I can say confidently that their plan will succeed (made that up).

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

So you're gonna start an underground news magazine called "Cinder Kit". Main reason why this will fail:

The creator of Cinder Kit has a body that makes one appreciate correctly proportioned human bodies. Unusually large head.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

I'm really sick of my roommate already. I caught her sniffing my panties, and I'm pretty sure she's a vegetarian for all the wrong reasons.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

If your heart is a bank, and your mind is a teller, I want to cash my check. Hey! Why is my check only \$103.55 this week? Looks like Reginald can't go back to the Rampage Room, Vermont's hottest Friday Night, and yes, I am banned from the other rooms.

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

I work at night so I'm afraid we'll have to meet for breakfast. By the way, Valentine's Day will turn out very badly for you. First problem: Your boyfriend decided to move to Vermont without telling you. Second problem: That ABBA Gold CD you bought last week will suddenly go missing. Problem three: Your boyfriend took your CD and is now talking about how he really 'respects' ABBA. Problem four: ABBA actually does rock!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I've decided for the Valen...whatever day, that we're gonna hit Mickey's Hot Bake Potato Bar, then the motel. You're welcome.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I got roofied last night. It was terrible, but the second time was alright, and the third time was just for luck. You mean to tell me you were roofied three times last night? Didn't you stay in your room the whole night? Well yeah...but...hmmmm...guess you're right.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Unconventional dates can really spice up a relationship. Why not try an exotic meal like a manwich? How about some nice music like any song by A Flock of Seagull? And finally a nice

place to eat, like a bathtub? Dessert can be fun too. Why not serve domination with a side of bondage? Oh that's right! You're alone again this year!

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

I'm looking forward to a political Valentine's Day. I wonder if Colin will have dinner with George? I sure hope that Powell likes Bush's fudge. I've heard he makes a mean batch of fudge brownies.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Cats can be really fun pets. Fun until they grow up and start disrespecting you. Then they'll start staying out late, then stealing, then the sex, and before you know it, the cat is running around town in a short skirt and a tight top...

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

More politics: Item! Donnie Rumsfeld has a crush on a girl I know! He said he's gonna get his "Rums", "Feld" tonight. I wonder what that means.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

We can either solve this North Korea thing, or we could eat this chocolate cake. Let's take a vote, oh wait! The vote will be exactly like last time...

Gary Coleman: The Easiest Target



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Honors College Resolution Passed by SGA

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 Student Government Association passed the following resolution in regards to President Fogel's initiative to implement an honors college at UVM next fall. For more information contact SGA Academic Affairs Committee Chair Stephanie Knisley at Stephanie.Knisley@uvm.edu or the President's office.

Honors College Resolution:

Whereas the Student Government Association (SGA) supports the efforts made by the University of Vermont to improve academic climate and promote intellectual advancement;

Whereas the SGA supports the notion that an honors college would help achieve these goals by challenging outstanding students and providing them with an outlet for their academic talent;

Whereas the SGA has concerns regarding admissions criteria for first and second year students, the curricular cohesiveness of the program/college, the overall academic experience for honors students, and the effects that the honors college will have on the academic experience of the rest of the student body and faculty;

Whereas the SGA feels that the present proposal for an honors college at the University of Vermont would benefit from further, extensive planning and currently does not satisfactorily answer students' questions;

Whereas the SGA acknowledges that this program could be successful and benefit the University as a whole;

Whereas the SGA feels that the planning process is being rushed and that more time to contemplate critical issues is necessary;

Be it resolved that the SGA supports the idea of an honors college but requests that the issues of resource allocation, curricular cohesiveness, co-curricular activities, and other concerns are addressed prior to implementation.

Student Film Helps Bring Students and Faculty Together

By: Lindsay Budnik
Student Life Writer

During the year of 2002, UVM seems to have experienced a variety of changes that affected current and prospective students, faculty, and staff. A new president, a 20% increase in applications for admission, and continued efforts to promote forms of diversity on campus are among the significant events that have taken place.

Sophomore Raphaël Okutoro has endeavored to capture these changes on film by creating a film that depicts student life at UVM. The film, titled "Inside UVM" will be aired later this month. The film explores prominent administrative transformations as well as students' relationships with faculty and staff.

"A lot of people don't know what UVM is all about," said Okutoro. "They don't know about the student and professor experiences or the different interactions on campus."

One of Okutoro's objectives in the film is to investigate how students, faculty, and staff work with each other. For instance, the film communicates professors' concerns, such as the challenge of generating a stimulating learning

environment for students. It also details the challenges that Police Services faces in maintaining a safe campus.

"Interviewing staff members from across the university is a great way to gain a broader perspective that students don't often have the chance to hear," said Annie Stevens of Student and Campus Life.

"I think the more students get to know their professors as human beings as opposed to authority figures or knowledge gurus, then barriers are broken down between the teaching/learning transaction and real learning can begin," Professor Tom Patterson said.

The film also delves into how various administrative undertakings are shaping life at UVM. For instance, this past year was particularly competitive for prospective students to gain admission to the university, with a 20 percent increase in applications. Additionally, President Fogel's experiences as a new leader and his goals for the university are explored in the film. Furthermore, the film examines different ways how UVM is trying to promote diversity on

campus. In the film, diversity exists through sexual orientation, race, religion, extracurricular interests, etc. and the administration is striving to foster a campus climate that embraces these differences.

Okutoro's film has received a great deal of praise for the way it depicts various aspects of life at UVM.

"It should be a great tool for stimulating reflection and conversation in the UVM community," said faculty member Susan Dinitz.

"I hope this endeavor will encourage others to analyze issues in a way that brings people together and supports a community of care and concern," said Robert Kelly, Associate Dean of Students.

"UVM is on the verge of doing some amazing things and moving forward. I think this video is a step in the right direction."

The Power of Words: Anna Deavere Smith

By: Lauren Vanderkeyl
Correspondent

Anne Deavere Smith, noted playwright, actress and speaker on race relations in the United States came to Ira Allen Chapel Thursday the sixth after being rescheduled from few weeks ago. She was brought in part by the First Year Experience Diversity Committee, the Department of Student Life, the Inter-Residence Association and the Student Government Association.

Deavere Smith immedi-

ately captured audiences with what many viewed as an incredibly animated and thought-provoking presentation.

Deavere Smith hypothesized to the overwhelmingly large crowd that "people speak in organic poems."

She has spent a good deal of her life trying to discover the exact relationship between language and identity. She has been tackling this riddle through interviewing countless people - jumps to p. 10

Ask Dr. Schmynic

Dr. Schmynic is here to solve all your important problems that you're afraid to ask your parents, RA, and your friends. Don't worry, your secret is safe with us.

it in my closet. So my question is; after 2 fridge and non-fridge cycles is this Busch still good?

Beerless in Burlington

Dear Dr. Shmynic,

So I had a party at my apartment a couple weekends ago, and I had some left over beer, which I sent home with my friends. They kept it in there dorm room closet, until I could come and get it this last week. I then put it back in my fridge where it belonged. However, and this is where my question comes in, my parents came to visit me and I had to take the beer out of my fridge and put

Dr. Beerless,

I would say take the safe route and chuck the beer. But don't chuck it, pour it down the sink and then recycle the cans, also benefiting from the \$.05 return. The Busch isn't good anymore, and honestly, it never was to begin with. Reduce, reuse, recycle!

Have a question for Dr. Schmynic? Send it to us at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu

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John Dewey Lounge,
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
3rd floor Old Mill, Room 325
Speaker: Jon Alterman

Film: Journey to a hate Free World - Wed. 19th 7pm Ira Allen

Panel: Vermont from Different Perspectives
Thurs. Feb. 27th

Films; Bamboozled and Kakewalk -
Wed. 19th 6pm at CC Theatre

- Student Bible Study- Tuesdays at 9pm - The Rosary- On Sundays after the 7pm Mass, The weekly Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday, 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm, and 7pm Weekdays at 12:15, and Wed night mass at 9pm

- Christ Church Presbyterian, located on Redstone Campus holds informal worship followed by bagels and fellowship Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Mon, Tues, Wed Nights at 7pm in February - Bible Study in MAT Lounge and at the CWP Rotunda

- 12:00 PM
"Brother Outsider: The Life Of:" Allen House 104
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- Interested in living off campus next fall? Tenant Fair in Marsh lounge Billings Feb. 11th 11 a.m.-2p.m. VT tenant association

- FREE JAZZ! brought to you by the Dept. of Student Life, UVM Music Dept. and University Dining Services!
Cook Commons 12:00-1:15
Feb 13th Swing/BeBop /Jazz
Feb 27th Jazz Ensemble/Big Band

- L/L Gallery Exhibit- One's Own Trojan Horse
"Motherhood is the strangest thing, It can be like being one's own Trojan horse" Paintings by Ellen Arapakos will open through February 13th. Gallery Hours are Mon-Fri 12:30 – 8:30 PM, Sat 12:30 – 6:30 PM.

- UVM Rescue Carnation sale
Feb 10-12 at the bookstore
Feb 14 at the Hockey Game

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

- 90.1 WRUV Presents
Bipedal Radio Lounge Every Thursday night @ The Monkey House WRUV DJs playing lounge, electronic, & trip-hop from 10pm to close

Open Mic Night Thursday,
February 13th, 2003. L/L FPL
8:00 – 10:00 PM
Want to perform? Contact Adam

at Adam.Warrington@uvm.edu to make sure you get a spot!

- SA Concerts -
Medeski, Martin and Wood with The Yohimbe Brothers featuring Vernon Reid and DJ Logic on February 28, in Patrick Gym doors at 7pm, show at 8pm tickets \$17 with UVM ID, and \$22 for non-UVM students
- Wednesday February 12th 8pm CC Theatre Louis Ramey - a comedian in honor of Black history month.

- The Vagina Monologues Feb. 14th, 15th at 7 p.m. 16th 2 p.m. get tickets at the UVM Women's Center and the Peace and Justice Center

- Madame Butterfly: Flynn Main Center for the Performing Arts February 14th 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 4PM, 8PM, & 11PM
CC Theater
free showings of "Barbershop"

CLUB EVENTS

- UVM Ski Club offers free busses on Sat. and Sun. mornings leaving at 8 am from the Patrick gym to
Feb. 15th - Sugarbush
Feb. 16th - Stowe

- Salle Catamount Fencing Club Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm Marsh Dinning Hall (attached to the MAT dorm)

- ChemCats Club
[American Chemical Society]
Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

- Men's and Woman's Ultimate Frisbee
all welcome at the Patrick Gym
Feb 11 8:30-11pm, Tennis courts
Feb 11 10-11pm, Track BB court
Feb 16 3-5pm, Track BB court
Feb 18-8:30-11pm, tennis courts

- Vantage Point
7:30 pm in A500 Old Mill Annex. We accept submissions via email (vantagep@zoo.uvm.edu) or at the mailboxes in 304 Williams and 512 Old Mill. The deadline for our spring issue is March 1

Marketing Club
Mock Interview Workshop with corporate executives
Feb. 15th 5pm Kalkin 225

- New Club! Congratulations to the newest Club at UVM! The Table Tennis Club meets every Fri. 7 p.m. Harris - Millis Lobby

- Climbing Wall, run by Climbing Club, open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs at the Patrick Gym
Community Works
Feb. 22nd 9am-2 p.m.
Billings Student Center
Gymnastics Home Meet,
Feb. 22nd 2pm at Patrick Gym

International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella
at Ira Allen Chapel
Feb. 22nd

February 20 at 7:00 in the brick lounge between given and rowell scuba club meeting, come if you're interested in taking trips and diving together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 1 FAFSA due

- Bailey Howe Library Cyber Cafe area is now open 24 hours Sunday - Wednesday!!!
- Access after midnight will be accessible through the side door with your CatCard!!

- Want to be the next President or Vice president of the student Government Association? pick up an application in the SGA office.

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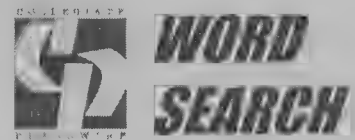
across the country. She seems to strive to live through their words and when relaying an interviewee's feelings to a crowd, she not only repeats their exact words, but assumes their mannerisms and accents. This part of the show seemed to be the biggest selling point with the crowd

"I liked the creativity and the way she turned into people during her speech" junior Greg Hovanessian pointed out.

Deavere Smith seeks out the

Want to be the next SGA President or Vice President????

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authenticity in her interviewee's voices and related this to thought in action as opposed to the glossed over and editorialized version that the public normally hears. Deavere Smith believes that because of the heightened sensitivity people feel today about what others say, people are becoming afraid of words. She supported this theory with such common examples of speech nowadays as 'love ya' in place of 'I love you' and 'lata' instead of 'I will talk to you later'. She asserts that this sensitivity also crosses

into the racial realm where we reside in "safehouses of identity".

She stated that racial relations will not be resolved while people continue to huddle in these safehouses, and that they must first emerge and assume a vulnerable position. Deavere Smith continues her travels and interviews and when asked how she feels during such interviews she responded: "My job is to feel, I try to stay out of the way as their opera unfolds."



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Women in Sports *Continued from back...*

The University of Michigan wanted to add a women's ice hockey team, rather than cutting the men's gymnastics, swimming or wrestling teams, which has been the general trend in other programs, it could decrease its football scholarships from 85 to 65 and continue funding all of the men's teams as well as starting a women's hockey program.

Do they really need 114 people on a football team? Even the New England Patriots only have 70 men on their roster.

UVM Softball coach Pam Childs commented on this problem, saying, "Who runs collegiate athletics? Men. They have made the decisions to cut men's sports rather than balance the budget and keep all the sports going."

Childs has been the softball coach at UVM since 1985 and was the field hockey coach through 1997. While she admits that Title IX has done a lot of positive things for women in sports, Childs believes that there is still much to be done.

At UVM, three of our women's varsity teams are coached entirely by women (lacrosse, softball, and tennis), three are coached entirely by men (swimming, hockey, and track), and four are coached by a combination of men and women (soccer, field hockey, skiing and basketball).

When asked about this situation and how it is perceived by the players and coaches themselves, UVM women's head soccer coach Jodi Kenyon said, "It's a little bit disheartening that we don't have more female coaches here; but I don't think that someone is going to react better one way or another. It should always be the best candidate for the position."

It is seen as normal to have a male head coach for a women's team, in fact according to the Women's Sports Foundation, half of all women's teams are coached by men, but only two percent of men's teams are coached by women. Says Childs, "Society tells us that men aren't actually supposed to listen to women. A lot of women are comfortable with it (having a male head coach) because society tells us that that's how it is."

While it is still often hard for women to be involved in

this enterprise which is dominated by men, there are still many options for women to stay involved in sports.

The UVM women's tennis coach, Muff Parsons-Reinhardt, who has won the America East Coach of the Year Award three times since 1990, mentioned the U.S. Tennis Association as a great option for her players who want to stay involved. There are tournaments in which people of all skill level are welcomed to play.

Interestingly enough, it took UVM 13 years to put Parsons-Reinhardt on as a full time staff member, the same time they hired Denis Miller as the women's hockey head coach.

There are not a tremendous amount of options for women to play professional sports. If they are good enough, which is a very small percentage of people who play college sports, there are a few different leagues such as the Ladies Professional Golf Association, or the Women's Pro Bowling Association.

Then there's the United States Pro Volleyball, the WNBA, the Women's Pro Football League, the Women's Pro Softball League, the Women's Tennis Association and the Women's United Soccer Association.

There is no way that all of the women that play high school or collegiate sports will play in one of these professional leagues, nor will all the men who play sports. The problem is that the critics of Title IX are advocating making it easier to spend more money on the development of men's programs and less and less on women's programs because they say that fewer women are "interested" in athletics anyway.

It is true that fewer women play sports right now, but at the same time, Title IX has really only had one generation of women to bring up believing that playing sports doesn't mean you are like a man, or that you must be gay because you play sports.

We need more time to continue getting women and girls involved in order to really make things equal for the women who *do* want to play. So pick up a racket or pick up a ball, and get out there, ladies!

Cats Lose to Holy Cross but Bury Stony Brook

Women's Basketball

Holy Cross sophomore Maggie Fontana scored a career-high 29 points and narrowly missed a triple-double with eight assists and eight rebounds as the Crusaders earned a 74-62 victory over visiting Vermont in the Catamounts final non-conference game of the season.

The Crusaders continued to execute on the offensive end and took a 50-35 lead on a jumper by Conte with 13:41 left in the game. An 11-5 spurt by the Catamounts, capped by a three-point play by Theresa LaRocque brought UVM back to within seven points with 6:49 left to play.

Unfortunately, that's as close as the Catamounts would get. The Crusaders would get their lead back to double-digits and went on to win 74-62.

With the victory, Holy Cross avenges last season's loss to Vermont at Patrick Gym in the first round of the WNIT. That victory marked UVM's first-ever national postseason victory.

For the Crusaders, Jessica Conte finished the game with 11 points, while teammate Mary Rose Campbell posted a double-double with 11 points and a game-high 10

rebounds. Holy Cross shot 48.3% from the field and outscored Vermont 26 to 6 in second chance points.

Senior Morgan Hall led the Catamounts with a team-high 18 points and grabbed four rebounds. Aaron Yantzi, who sat out the previous two games with a bad back, returned to the court to contribute 14 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Dawn Cressman added 12 points, five rebounds and five assists. The Catamounts shot 47% from the field for the game.

Vermont (12-6) returned to action on Saturday when it hosted Stony Brook at the Patrick Gym. Senior Dawn Cressman scored a team-high 15 points,

grabbed nine rebounds and handed out five assists to lead Vermont past visiting Stony Brook, 83-58, in the Catamounts biggest league victory of the season.

Vermont (13-6, 5-3) jumped out to a 9-0 lead to start the game and never looked back. A three-pointer by Cressman at 10:58 gave UVM a 20-6 lead. Stony Brook (6-14, 4-5) would put together a 6-0 spurt to close the game to five points, 24-19 with 6:02 left in the first half, but that's as close as the Seawolves would get the remainder

of the game. UVM closed out the half with a 10-2 run to take a 34-21 lead into the locker room.

Vermont continued to play aggressive defense and attack Stony Brook on the offensive end in the second half. A three-pointer by Tiffany Spinka sparked an 8-0 run and gave Vermont a 24-point lead, 60-36, with 9:41 left in the contest. The Catamounts lead would grow to as many as 28 in the second half.

The Catamounts were relentless on the boards, out rebounding Stony Brook 55-29 overall and 23-12 on the offensive glass. Sophomores Lani Boardman and Katie McNamara chipped in 14 points each.

Boardman also grabbed eight rebounds and McNamara collected seven boards. Junior Aaron Yantzi added eight points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Stony Brook, playing with just seven players, was led by junior Sherry Jordan's 16 points and eight rebounds. Bojana Bogetic added 15 points and Stephanie Barlett chipped in 12 points.

The Catamounts return to action Wednesday when they travel to Binghamton for a 7:00pm America East game. UVM will be looking to earn their first league road victory of the season.

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Women's Tennis Wins, Loses One

In Women's tennis, the Catamounts defeated Hofstra, 7-0, on Saturday morning, marking the first spring season win for the Catamounts.

Laura Beth Halter, Molly Moran, Mandy Harrison, Susannah O'Brien, Alie Taylor, Ali Pelkey and the duos of Moran/Kyna Delaney, Halter/Taylor and Harrison/Foukal all posted wins.

The Catamounts then lost to Quinnipiac 4-2 in the afternoon.

The Bobcats won all three doubles matches and took three singles matches.

Junior Molly Moran won her #2-singles match in a marathon three set match. Classmate Mandy Harrison was victorious at the #3-singles defeating Tina Hoang, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Vermont, falls to 1-5 on the year and returns to action next weekend, hosting Marist on February 16.

-SportsInfo

Men's Tennis Improves to 5-4

In men's tennis, the University of Vermont nipped former America East rival Hofstra, 4-3, on Friday afternoon, and then beat Quinnipiac as well on Saturday.

Highlighting the day for the Catamounts were Tom Whittaker, and Jonathan Cooper, who won their singles matches. The Duos of Johann Liljengren/ Matt Spring

(Canton, Conn.) and Griffin Maloney/ Tom Whittaker helped put the Cats past the Pride.

On Saturday, Vermont won two of the three doubles matches to pick up a point on the Bobcats. The Catamounts also took five of the six singles matches, all in straight sets to close out the victory.

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Cats Set New High Score Record for Patrick Gym

Men's Basketball

Binghamton took advantage of cold Vermont shooting as they topped the Catamounts, 61-50, in America East men's basketball at West Gym last Sunday. UVM shot a season-low 27% from the floor in the defeat.

Both teams struggled on offense in the early going until the Bearcats' Anthony Green hit a pair of three-pointers in the last 1:20 to give Binghamton a 26-20 lead at the break.

After a three-point play by Taylor Copenrath to open the second half, six points by Green fueled a 13-6 run to give the Bearcats a 39-29 advantage. An 8-0 burst by the Cats brought them within one, 45-44, with five minutes to play.

But the Catamounts could manage just one field goal the rest of the way to seal the defeat. Copenrath finished with 16 points on just five-for-16 from the floor.

Corry Sullivan came off the bench for Vermont to add 11 points and a career-high seven rebounds.

For the game, UVM out-rebounded Binghamton, 42-40, and had 11 turnovers compared to 15 for the winners but it could not offset their poor shooting performance.

With the loss, Vermont fell to 12-9 overall and 6-3 in the conference. The Cats then hosted Middlebury on Tuesday at 7:00pm in their final non-confer-

ence game of the season.

Middlebury did not fare so well against a hotter Catamount team. Grant Anderson scored 19 points and had 13 rebounds to lead the Cats past the Panthers, 111-75, setting a new Patrick Gym record of 111 points.

With his team-high fifth double-double of the season, Anderson (nine-for-12) was one of six Catamounts to tally in double-figures in the team's most recent win at Patrick Gym.

Vermont (13-9) had their way against their Division III state rivals shooting 62% from the floor and out-rebounding the Panthers, 52-29.

The Catamounts jumped on Middlebury early, scoring the game's first ten points. Behind three-pointers by Corey Sullivan and Mike Goia, and a pair of lay-ups by Anderson, they widened their lead to 26-6 seven minutes into the contest.

At the break, Anderson had 17 points and 11 boards as UVM took a 58-30 lead to the locker room.

The scrappy Panthers, led by Hinesburg, Vt.-native Nate Anderson, never challenged their Division I opponents but hit eight-for-18 from beyond the arc to score 45 points in the second half.

Copenrath added 17 points

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and eight boards for the Catamounts and Sullivan delivered 15 points going 3-for-4 from three point range. Center Matt Sheftic tallied 13 points while Scotty Jones (four blocked shots) and Goia each scored 11.

Goia also hauled down a career-high 11 rebounds, while Germain Njila had a career-best six assists. Nine of the ten Catamounts scored at least seven points with reserve Jack Phelan scoring three.

For the Panthers (13-7), Nate Anderson, the reigning NESCAC player of the week had a team-high 17 points and five rebounds. Guard Steve Sinoway added 12 points as he, along

with Rutland-native Mike Keenan, was perfect from three-point range. Sinoway made four straight while Keenan went 3-for-3.

The game was a homecoming for Middlebury coach Jeff Brown, a standout guard for Vermont who graduated in 1982. Brown also was an assistant coach for the Catamounts for nine seasons.

Vermont returns to America East play on Saturday traveling to Stony Brook. They then return home, where they play four of the last six regular season games, on Wednesday, February 12th taking on Binghamton.

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Foster Competes in Championship

Men's Ski Team

Ryan Foster finished 42nd out of 81 competitors in the 10-kilometer classical race at the Under-20 World Cross Country Skiing Championships in Solleftea, Sweden Thursday.

Foster, a freshman on the University of Vermont Nordic ski team, is one of three Catamount skiers who are on US national teams competing in international

events this season.

His older brother, Ethan Foster, a sophomore captain, has been selected to the United States team that will compete in the inaugural Under-23 World Championships Feb. 14-16 in Valldidentro, Italy, while UVM sophomore Lowell Bailey just returned from competing in the biathlon at the World University Games in Forni Avoltri, Italy.

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Gender Equity: The Title IX Debate Rages On

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Editor

Little more than 30 years ago, the Educational Amendments including the famous (infamous?) Title IX section that prohibits sexual discrimination in all education institutions that receive federal funding.

Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Since its implementation in 1972, Title IX has meant huge increases in athletic scholarships for female athletes as well as the addition of countless women's teams in programs previously dominated by men's sports teams.

This has also meant more opportunities for higher education for women that would not have been possible before.

The way it claims to level the "playing field" for women in sports is by requiring the proportion of female to male athletes to be equal to that of the general student body. It also requires funding for men's and women's athlet-

ic programs to be proportionally equivalent.

So if 60% of the students at your high school were women, 60% of the athletes at the school should be women, right?

This is not the reality in the majority of high schools and universities across the nation. While UVM has done better than many other schools in this aspect, currently boasting 54% athletes to its 60% female student body, many problems of sexual inequities persist.

A study done by the Women's Sports Foundation in 2001 reported that women are only one-third of interscholastic and intercollegiate athletes. It was also reported that women receive less than 28% of college sports' operating budgets and college recruiting money.

At UVM, the men's hockey program at has been around since the '63/'64 season, but it took the athletic program almost 30 years after Title IX was passed to even have a women's club hockey team.

The men's team also offers

18 full scholarships while the women's team, which moved up to Division I this season, offers none. However unfair this seems, it is understandable that it will take a new program quite a while to be established as a good program and able to attract the caliber of players who deserve full scholarships.

The current debate about Title IX has critics claiming that by adding women's sports in universities and high schools, it takes away so much from the men's programs that the amendment has actually done more harm than good.

These critics fail to consider that participation from male athletes has increased along with female athletes in schools nationwide.

There is also the fact that 67% of the administrators of athletic programs are men and in turn, make the decisions about which programs are cut and which are added (Women's Sports Foundation 2001).

For example, if a school like

A study done by the Women's Sports Foundation in 2001 found that female athletes get less than 28% of funding and recruiting money.

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Cats Drop Two to Ivy Leagues

Women's Hockey

Senior Kim Insalaco and sophomore Jessica Link handed out two assists each to lead Brown past Vermont, 4-1, in ECAC women's hockey action on Friday.

The Catamounts took an early 1-0 lead when sophomore Jackie Duerr netted her second goal of the season on a scramble in front of the Brown net.

The Bears answered with two goals at 13:41 and 16:09 of the first period to take a 2-1 lead at the first intermission.

After a scoreless second period Brown added two more goals in the third at 2:29 and 7:04 to close out the game and pick up its ninth win of the season (9-8-4) and sixth ECAC victory (6-3-1).

Senior goaltender Tiffany Hayes was spectacular in the Vermont net, recording 64 saves, tying her own school record for most saves in a game.

It was her fifth 60-plus save game in her career. Pam Dreyer made 11 saves in the Brown net to earn the victory.

Vermont (3-19-2, 0-9-1) returned to action on Saturday when it faced #1-ranked Harvard. Kat Sweet recorded a hat trick

and handed out an assist, while teammates Angela Ruggiero and Mina Pell added three points each to lead #1-ranked Harvard past visiting Vermont, 9-1, in women's hockey action.

Harvard (19-1-0, 9-0-0) would take a 1-0 lead at the first intermission on a goal by Ruggiero at 14:32.

The Crimson poured on six goals in the second to pull away from the Catamounts.

Vermont was able to break the shutout when freshman Lindsey Tilbury scored at 18:20 of the second period on assists from Jillian Giardina and Missy Tracy.

Senior goaltender Tiffany Hayes recorded 60 saves, which followed her record tying 64 save effort in a loss to Brown the night before.

Saturday marked her sixth 60-plus save game in her career. Ali Boe finished the game with six saves in the Crimson net.

Vermont returns home to face Colgate and Cornell on February 15 and 16.

Both games begin at 2:00pm at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

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"Celebrating 120 Years"

Vagina Monologues and V-Day Celebrated in Vermont

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

All across the country, women are celebrating the empowerment of females on college campus and theaters this month.

Started in 1998, V-Day, Until the Violence Stops, started as an outgrowth of the Vagina Monologues and has spread to 656 schools who will perform the monologues this year.

"I think this is such an important movement on campuses around the country," said Kelly Goudy, who was a performer at the show at UVM this past week-

end.

"I feel there's a lack of empowerment in college women, and a purpose of the show is to combat domestic violence.

For me, it's a form of empowerment that women talk about things they don't normally talk about."

The Monologues doesn't just benefit the women in the performance. The proceeds of the performances go to local benefactors, including the UVM Women's Center, in which money will go to the campus advocacy program and SAFE space programs.

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Kake Walk Infamous Part Of Past

By NICK RAHAIM
Cynic Copy Editor

Only 33 years ago, the long-standing UVM tradition of the Kake Walk came to an end after heavy criticism from the NAACP among others. Through the 1960's many UVM students were adamantly opposed to the idea of the abolishment of the Kake Walk.

The Kake Walk consisted of the main event "Walkin' fo' da' Kake", along with skits with popular titles as "Nigger Heaven" and "Koon Klux Klan". In the first half of the last century posters for the Kake Walk had such titles as, "The Kullud Koon Kake Walk".

UVM's Kake Walk was a mockery of the Cake Walk performed by slaves.

The Cake Walk was a dance performed by slaves at the request of their master to entertain his guests. The one who the master deemed the funniest would receive a slice of cake.

The Kake Walk and festivities of the winter festival were completely managed by the Inter-Fraternal Counsel (IFC), which consisted of members from every house in UVM's Greek community.

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Polar Bears Spotted In Champlain



Locals immerse themselves in a frosty Lake Champlain early in the morning of Saturday the 15th. The annual hypothermic dip in the pond raises money for the Special Olympics.

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Kristen Rigney

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Pharmaceutical Drugs Abuse On UVM Campus

By KASSI UNDERWOOD
Cynic News Editor

More than one million people swallow, smoke, or inject sedatives and mood change drugs into their bodies every day, according to National Institute on Drug Abuse.

"I've never taken a pharmie I didn't like," claims a first year female.

"Sobriety is a vacation for me."

That notion appeared to be the consensus within one social sphere, but others agreed with a divergent first-year male who alleged, "I don't really like them, to be honest. I don't like paying two or three bucks for an indefinite buzz."

"It's like great, my muscles are relaxed."

In 2001, 36 million Americans had used prescription-type drugs non-medically at least once in their lifetime.

Since the disclosure of this statistic it has only increased, says the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.

When asked to approximate the percentage of friends who use non-prescribed pharmaceutical



A student samples a cornucopia of uppers, downers and other intoxicants.

Photo by Kristen Rigney

drugs, students' responses were either 3-5% or 80-90%, with little in between.

The majority of UVMers asked launched their pharmie "eating" days during the latter years of high school.

"Kids just passed them to you in the hall," says one sophomore.

Others' addictions are remnants from bona-fide prescriptions.

"I had shoulder surgery a few years ago and was prescribed a ton of hydro-codeine.

"When I couldn't sleep, I'd pop one and have a drink. After that, I had it kickin' around. That's when it got to be fun."

Pain killers and stimulants are more widespread on UVM's campus than dreads, say most students.

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Sex Survey Shows Increase In Activity

ATLANTA--COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE

Feb 6, 2003--In an increase from the CDC's reported 52% of young adults sexually active prior to age 19 (1), the GenSex Survey, an interactive survey released by Durex(R) reports today that 92% have intercourse by 18.

America's "sex generation" of young adults may have sex earlier, but are they more honest about their sexuality than previous generations? Nope.

According to the GenSex Survey, lying tops the list of young adult relationship habits.

About 80% of those 18-24 would lie to their sexual partners about ... well ... almost everything. Fidelity is the number one fib young adults are telling.

Only 15% of adults 18-20 and 11% of adults 21-24 would reveal having been unfaithful.

On average more women (12%) than men (11%) were likely to tell their partners they'd done the deed with someone else.

Says Sari Locker, renowned educator and author, "The

GenSex Survey reveals that while adults have sex earlier, many are still lacking the skills for engaging in those difficult discussions about sex, but honest communication in this regard is vital.

For successful relationships, young adults should incorporate open dialogue as a basic, and often stimulating, component of their sexual experiences."

Also Topping the Most Lied About List

5. Age

* 23% of 18-20 year olds and 27% of 21-24 year olds would reveal their true age to their sexual partners.

* Males (28%) overall were most likely to lie about age.

4. Number of Sexual Partners

* 23% of 18-20 year olds and 27% of those 21-24 would reveal how many partners they had bedded.

* Males (22%) were least likely to reveal their number of partners

3. Sexual Fantasies

* 60% of 18-24 year old males fantasize about sex with a celebrity and only 22% would reveal

their fantasy to their partner.

* 28% of all females surveyed fantasize about lesbian sex and only 19% would reveal their fantasy to their partner.

2. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

* Only 17% of males and females 18-24 would reveal having an STD.

1. Fidelity

* (see above)

"As the world's leading condom brand, it is vital for Durex(R) to keep up with evolving trends in consumer preference when it comes to sexuality and we strive to provide products that match these trends," said Tonya Cramer, Associate Brand Manager, Durex(R) Consumer Products.

"The GenSex Survey's youth-centric design and delivery helps us capture the voice of young adults and better understand their sexual feelings and experiences."

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Damn the Empire, Not the Man

In this day and age, people are used to being insulted.

Programs like Saturday Night Live and Politically Incorrect slam the government and high-ranking individuals within those groups.

Celebrities are used to being put on "worst-dressed" lists.

And this insult-slinging has made its way to the Cynic.

We get letters into us complaining that so-and-so and his/her brother are evil and that they are horrible people.

However, the letter-writer is clearly disagreeing with the points that the people are making, and not the people themselves.

If the complainers are slamming the individual because they didn't like the fact that he/she stole the said complainers' significant others, then, well, this is not the place to do so.

People need to understand the difference between insulting and criticizing people's institutional associations vs. the people themselves.

Just because you don't like the Cynic does not mean that you have to hate the people who happen to work for it.

And in return, just because we say that we don't like what the ISO might be doing or what the College Republicans are doing does not mean that we don't like the individuals within these organizations.

Institutions do things that are wrong in our eyes, and when we criticize them, whether in an F or in an editorial, we are not criticizing the people within the organizations.

We are merely putting down ideas with

which we disagree.

However, as far as criticizing people's personal qualities or lack thereof, we make like Hammer and realize that we "Can't touch this."

We have staffmembers on many other different boards and clubs, and just as importantly, we have friends within these other groups.

We don't think that they are evil for being part of these groups, so why should individuals be singled out on our staff for writing certain opinions?

Write in and disagree upon what we say, but don't give the verbal finger to us as the individuals behind the opinions.

We aren't out there to chastise individuals for being ugly or immature, so don't sling it back at us.

We criticize people's ideas and actions, and we have every right to do so, just as you do.

But that right does not extend to your allowance in pushing your frustration on us because of someone's actions or ideas.

Don't apply your unkind words to individuals.

We don't come out and say what Dr. Fogel does behind his bedroom door, and nor should we.

But we should comment on his and his administration's actions.

Write in and comment upon how you don't like how we don't write enough about the Outing Club.

But don't say that we're evil people, because that's inapplicable, irrelevant, debatable and inappropriate.

Damn the Empire, not the Man.

As & Fs

As

-To the fine referees who bring us and facilitate our Intramural Sports. You people put up with so many agitated players with raging tudes and depleted motor skills.

-To the Physical Plant for constantly shoveling us out of our white and not-so-shallow grave of climate-induced dandruff.

Fs

-To the Dining Services for not remaining open on weekend nights, leaving its occasional recipients hungry and strung out on low glucose levels resulting from lack of nourishment.

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Let's Talk About Sex

To the Editor:

The issue of gender diversity is of extreme importance to this University. A committee of professors and students have begun creating a queer minor, which is anticipated to be approved by the University within a year.

Essentially, students will be allowed to minor in the study of non-normative sexuality through the offering of several disciplines such as English, Geography and Psychology.

Approval of this minor sends a clear message that the University of Vermont takes interest in fostering a truly liberal arts education, where differing values and ideas are accepted and studied.

As the world continues to struggle with the acceptance of queer sexuality, academia is an essential place for the study and understanding of diversity.

Furthermore, the advent of the minor will hopefully yield a better climate of tolerance and acceptance for a community often ostracized by society.

Lastly, because the University is facing severe budgetary constraints, any allocation of funding has been essentially obsolete.

Therefore, most courses being offered are pre-existing, tailored to issues of queer sexuality.

The addition of any known pre-existing courses, or interest in creating a course within the College of Arts and Sciences, should be brought to the attention of Dot Brauer (Dorothea.Brauer@uvm.edu) or Adam Dubin (Dub300@aol.com).

Adam Dubin
Class of 2004

Fire and Brimstone

To the Editor:

To what depths has America fallen under the ill-gained and arrogant presidency of George W. Bush in his mad dash to war against Iraq?

President Dwight D. Eisenhower said of war: "This is not a way of life at all...Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from an iron cross."

At this moment we have thousands of troops waiting on Saddam Hussein's doorstep. They are vulnerable as are thousands of innocent Iraqis to all the hideous death-dealing weapons of modern warfare.

According to a C.N.N.com 2/6/03

Have Facts, Not Faith

To the Editor:

Faith Hale writes that the student body (or so I perceive that is what Faith is stating) has problems with President Fogel's future vision of UVM.

I have but a couple of problems with the statement.

One, there is no research. Faith quotes about eight people. Two are upperclassmen that will never see the improvements, so why should they care? The other six are supposed to represent the student body of UVM.

Where are the cold, hard facts? Where is an opinion poll? Or at very least, where is a survey with a sample number of students that is more than a 1000?

To write an article that blatantly states Faith's opinion and then is supported with eight other opinions and then is passed off as the student body sounding off is absurd and horrible journalism.

I am graduating this spring and will be attending graduate school here in the fall. I for one will welcome the improvements. UVM is a wonderful school as we all know, but its one drawback is its unbear-

able winters and horrible windchills.

Fogel sees a great school and wants to advertise it.

To do so, the school needs added benefits to show off its already wonderful educational departments.

The 9,000-seat complex is for the growing student population as well as the growing population of Vermonters in the Burlington region. It is not only students who come to games, Faith, maybe you should go to one, because it sounds like you haven't.

I embrace Fogel's views and that is only me, one student, and I am sure there are more like me. I mainly have a problem with the student body being represented in eight people and with the idea that there are no cold, hard facts to support Faith's argument.

P.S. Faith, maybe it's time to invest in a little thing called school pride and remember that all universities are places of higher learning, but they are all also run like a money-making business.

Ripley Harrison
Class of 2003

Thank You for Being a Friend

To the Editor:

Hi, my name's Rachel Baines and I just wanted to let you know that I think it's cool that you publish so many anti-war and liberal letters.

The liberal atmosphere of this cam-

pus is what attracted me to this school and I'm glad to see it is so well represented.

Keep up the good work and keep the liberal articles coming!

Rachel Leigh Baines
Class of 2006

Living in a World of Fear

Terrorist attacks, threats of war, Code Orange.

In this post-Sept. 11 society, people seem to be obsessed with only one thing: fear.

Be it because of fear of the unknown or fear of the inevitable, today's society is fixated on how to prepare for the unpreparable, and this has extended onto the college campus.

With news coming out that terrorist attacks could happen on college campuses, FBI agents are snooping around and students are beginning to live as if colleges will be likely targets for violent attacks.

To combat this threat, an e-mail sent was sent to everyone here at UVM letting everyone know that if something happens, UVM will be ready.

While this recent information that we are prepared could be seen as comforting, it only adds fuel to the fire that is fear spreading across America. *'We are not living in Israel, Korea or Iraq, just some of the places in which death and terror are part of people's daily lives. We are not living in Africa and Southeast Asia, where people live in fear that their husbands/wives/children will die soon of AIDS.'*

But ready for what?
B o m b i n g s ,
anthrax?

As Americans, we tune in every night to see more warnings, concerns and messages that we should be waiting for anything and everything.

Terror seems to be lurking in every corner.

After Sept. 11, our government told us to not live in fear but to move on with our lives.

We seem to have forgotten that as people buy guns at Wal-Mart along with enough creamed corn for a year and generators to prepare for their bunkers' darkness and cold temperatures.

To live in fear of this unknown forever is ridiculous.

To watch your blood pressure rise as Homeland Security raises the terror alert from goldenrod to maroon is unnecessary.

It is true that we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow and it is true that we do live in a v

Yes, we aren't the world's favorite people, and it would be naive to think that the world is as safe as your bed on a cold winter's night.

But honestly, we are in more danger of being hit by a wily car while running across Main Street than we are to be attacked by biological weapons, ever.

It's our duty as Americans to be aware of foreign policy and what's going on with our world.

But there is no need to be in a panic all the time, fearing the person sitting next to you on the train, the person with a different skin tone.

As of now, probably as of always, there is no need to sleep with a gun under the pillow and a canteen by the bed.

Now these measures might seem extreme and hypothetical, but they aren't out of the ordinary.

Our country is living in fear, constantly stressed with the ideas of its loved ones being hurt.

These fears have spread to the collegiate level and that is ridiculous.

We are not living in Israel, Korea or Iraq, just some of the places in which death and terror are part of people's daily lives.

We are not living in Africa and Southeast Asia, where people live in fear that their husbands/wives/children will die soon of AIDS.

We, as a society, should be grateful for the lack of true fear in our daily lives.

There is no need to instill this fear into our lives by watching CNN all the time, FOX specials on how to prepare your home for the apocalypse or now, even by reading our e-mails telling us about the system to help us in case UVM shuts down.

It is understood that this information is needed in case the worse thing happens, but don't let it rule your lives.

We'll all die one day, so while living in a dream world is bad, don't live a nightmare, either.

Enjoy life—it's the only one we have.

Editor-in-Chief Kristin Dobbs is a member of the Class of 2005.

Some of you have now made clear to us via e-mail that you wish to write for the Cynic. Further, some of you have contacted us via courier pigeons that you desire to write for the Cynic. Even more interesting, some of you have now turned your habits into creative expressions by alerting us by means of smoke signals to your Cynical interest. What's your choice method? Does snail mail tickle your communicative fancy? Or will a singing telegram properly convey to us your joy and rapture unforeseen when you think about writing for the Cynic? Better still, ya wanna tell us in person of your obsession each Wednesday night at 5 p.m.? No? Will you play pretend and come anyway?

Race Not a Competition

The economic and social mobility of minorities in the United States has, over the years, been consistently compromised by a system that favors white Americans.

Though pioneering individuals such as Martin Luther King, and landmark events like the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling, have changed the way race is viewed and handled in this country, institutionalized racism continues to plague minorities.

When President Bush announced two weeks ago that he opposed the University of Michigan's admissions policy, the highly controversial topic of affirmative action once again came under intense scrutiny by people of all political, social and racial backgrounds.

By asking the Supreme Court to review the 1978 Bakke case that deemed constitutional the use of race as a "factor" in college admissions, Bush reignited a long-standing debate between affirmative action advocates and critics.

Supporters argue that race should be considered in order to increase diversity on campuses and to encourage opportunities for higher education among typically disadvantaged groups (i.e. Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans). Opponents claim that affirmative action policies set the groundwork for quotas and may prevent a student who is better qualified than a minority counterpart from being accepted to his/her school of choice because he/she is white. Both sides make compelling arguments, but the importance of affirmative action in higher education cannot be denied if this nation expects to progress in the realm of social justice.

According to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau, poverty in the United States in 2001 included almost one in every four African Americans. This 25% lives in economic conditions defined as poverty. Hispanic Americans are similarly disadvantaged in terms of economics; according to the report, 21.4 percent live in poverty. These numbers are in sharp contrast with the poverty rate for white Americans, found to be 7.8 percent by the U.S. Census Bureau report.

This economic disparity between minorities and whites in the U.S. creates a sharp division of opportunity in terms of higher education. It is widely recognized that primary and secondary schools in poor areas tend to lack the resources necessary to deliver quality education to students.

According to a study recently conducted by the Gannet News Service in Washington, D.C., over 50 percent of minority students in the U.S. are taught key subjects like math and English by teachers who lack proper certification and in some cases, college degrees.

This lack of access to adequate education often leads to

lower grades, less proficient writing skills and poor SAT scores, making it difficult for many minorities to compete with more affluent, predominantly white college applicants.

Those individuals who do perform well academically are still disadvantaged by their lack of exposure to quality teachers, as well as a social context that includes other college-bound students. In order to alleviate this rift and make college campuses more diverse in terms of race and class, affirmative action policies are, to different degrees, used by many schools throughout the U.S.

By questioning the constitutionality of race in the admissions process, claiming that it inappropriately favors minorities in some instances, President Bush neglects the fact that the chance to go to college is less of a reality for African Americans and Hispanics than it is for whites.

If considering race means furthering democracy and equality in this country, than it should be not an option, but a standard policy built on the fact that upward mobility is possible when encouraged. Why is it justifiable to consider an applicant's relationship to an alumnus but not their racial makeup?

Rather than perpetuating racial divisions by pretending they do not exist, we must be progressive and forthright in efforts to diversify, creating a sense of opportunity among underrepresented minorities and encouraging social and economic advancement for all people. The Supreme Court should recognize this obligation and maintain that the consideration of race in the admissions process is not only constitutional, but appropriate and justified.

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Everybody Look What's Goin' Down

Wow, things are pretty crazy huh? Look at what's going on.

The United States is so close to going to war with Iraq, the first draft in thirty years is being proposed, there's lots of talk in the government about nuclear weapons, international terrorism and a whole bunch of other scary things.

How did things get this way? Life seems so complicated and I wonder, was it always like this?

I'm not sure if when I was growing up things were this complicated. I definitely wasn't as aware of what was going on, but were things this scary?

Even if I think back just a few years to when I was in high school, it was much easier to watch the news when I woke up in the morning. It was painless to hear about the dramatic scandal of President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, or the climactic chase and trial of OJ Simpson, rather than hearing about Al Qaeda, Osama Bin Laden, and the start of World War III.

So what is this war about anyway? Some people say it's about the threat that Saddam Hussein poses on the world, others say it is about foreign oil and I am more inclined to believe the latter than the former.

However, the thing that really gets my boots shakin' is why we're even trying to get oil anyway.

If this planet was experiencing massive droughts and we were fighting for water, maybe it would make a little sense, but we don't even need oil. There are so many other renewable resources we can use. A perfect example: hemp.

Hemp can be used to be used for fuel, paper, clothes, food and a lot of other useful products. The amount of paper produced with 40 acres of trees is the same as that which can be produced with 40 acres of hemp. The difference?

Trees are essential to our life as they purify air and create habitat for wildlife. Unfortunately, they also take hundreds of years to grow. Hemp, however, is a weed, it takes nine months to grow and it is ILLEGAL to produce in the United States.

Seems pretty silly, huh? We also have the technology to use many other things besides gasoline for fuel like vegetable oil, electricity, solar power, wind power, water power and even garbage.

I guess what I'm trying to get across is it really seems like this country is being taken in the wrong direction. The biggest part of the government's budget is being spent on weapons.

Now, I don't care if they want to call it a defense fund, but to me it just seems like the more weapons there are in the world, the more dangerous the world becomes. Meanwhile,

while trillions of dollars are being spent on building weapons, public schools in our country have no money for supplies, thousands of Americans are living below the poverty line and are illiterate and not well-educated, many people do not have adequate healthcare coverage, on top of all this there are people in our own city that don't have a warm home to go to, and damn, Vermont is Cold!

There are also a whole lot of problems around the rest of the world which I won't go into, but just consider this fact: there are 21 "developed" countries in the world, the U.S. included. Besides the United States, the other 20 developed countries COMBINED have less money to spend on healthcare in a year than the United States spends on premium ice cream.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not bashing on ice cream, I love ice cream, but that just puts things in a little more perspective.

So much energy is being put on a war mentality, a violent mentality, one that revolves around money and greed and an economy where the abundance of one is interconnected to the impoverishment of another.

Think about how much energy people daily put into thinking of the newest, most inexpensive, state of the art way to kill someone. Consider how much time and energy is put into trying to put life on a tangible map where you can pinpoint the coordinates and know exactly what everyone is going to do; not just your foreign enemies, but regular citizens of the United States.

Now imagine if all that hard work, thought, time, money and energy was actually put into worthwhile things, like finding ways to improve education, healthcare, developing sustainable resources and creating new jobs and, as a bare

minimum, making sure every person in the world has food to eat and a place to sleep.

I really don't know much about politics and I'm sorry if I've said anything I've been misinformed about. I just know war and violence are things the human race has been trying since it was potty-trained, and the only difference between now and then is that now we're dealing with weapons that can destroy the entire east coast with a push of a button.

Have we really ever given peace a chance? I really believe we have all the technology, resources and know-how to solve all the world's problems. It's just a matter of making it a reality. We can feed the entire world now; the food just needs to be distributed and it's not being done because our economy does not support it.

We are really all in this together and I truly believe that the happiness of one is directly related to the happiness of every other thing in the universe. We can make a change and not repeat our mistakes, don't you think so?

It's time for a shift of consciousness and we need one now more than ever before.

Whether it be going to protest the war, shutting off a light in your dorm's laundry room when there is no one there, making sure you recycle everything you can or even just really listening to another person, there are lots of things to do to help each other out and make a difference.

I know we can do it, and there's no better time than now.

The world is not separate from us; rather, it is us, so let's make it beautiful. Forget hemp with enough thought, I bet we can make a car that runs on love!

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A Case for Patience

President Bush's patience is running short. He has spoken of his willingness to, "lead a coalition to disarm [Hussein]," with the support of the UN or not. Criticism of the UN is understandable considering that it made Iraq chairman of the UN Commission on Disarmament and allowed Iraq to violate 17 Security Council resolutions over the last 10 years. Most importantly, the UN boasts a recent history of extreme ineptitude—i.e. protecting food, not people, as Slobodan Milosevic attempted to "ethnically cleanse" Bosnia. Bush feels, as he should, that he doesn't need the UN's permission to go to war.

In the words of US humanitarian aid worker, the late Fred Cuny, "If the UN had been around in 1939, we'd all be speaking German."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated that "the risks of war need to be balanced against the risks of doing nothing while Iraq pursues the tools of mass destruction." Rumsfeld insists upon war.

I agree with Rumsfeld's statement but not with his conclusion. Bush and the US military must act in the interest of Americans and at the moment our best interests lie with peace—continued political pressure on Iraq, but not violence.

The true threat to the US is terrorism and the way to stop terrorism is not to bomb and invade an Islamic country. Iraq is likely harboring large amounts of chemical and biological weapons, but its destruction will not eliminate terrorism. "We need small, mobile units of special forces deployed everywhere, stealth operatives—kidnapping terrorists and debriefing and neutralizing them," Camille Paglia explained.

In the days following Sep. 11, the world, including moderate Muslims, was on our side. The display of the radical Muslim terrorists on 9/11 led to a great shift away from the extremists and brought about worldwide

persecution of terrorists. Unfortunately, the world's sympathy and camaraderie with the US has changed drastically with our current hard-line stance for war.

Rumsfeld said that the war will take less than a year. This can only mean one of two things. Either he expects a quick surrender or our destructive power is so great that all of the weapons (and the civilians near them) will be quickly annihilated. A quick surrender is doubtful considering the madness of Saddam Hussein and the militancy and anti-Americanism of the Iraqis. The second option, if not followed by an occupation and establishment of a legitimate government (which will cost more American money and lives than anyone should be willing to "spend"), will cause more unrest in the Middle East. By bombing and invading Iraq we will be justifying (in the minds of many moderate Muslims) the terrorism of the extremists.

Paglia points out correctly that, "There may be an apparent immediate victory in Iraq, but we'll be winning the battle and losing the war. The real war is for the hearts and minds of the Islamic world. We don't want a world where Americans can't travel abroad without fearing for their lives—or even within our borders, where a small cell of fanatics can blow up a railway station or bridge or tunnel."

The president doesn't need the UN's permission to go to war but he does need the support of more countries and the sympathy of the moderate Muslim world before attacking Iraq. US foreign policy must look into the future because the Islamic religion is not going away (one billion Muslims today; two billion 40 years from now). We must understand that America is part of the world and subject to its judgment.

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GenSex Survey Finds Different Definitions of Sex

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Other Revelations About GenSex: On Losing Virginity

* When asked why they had sex for the first time, women mostly said that they were ready and it felt right (34%) or that they were in love (25%). Another 12% had sex the first time just to get it over with.

* Among men, 34% had sex for the first time because they had the chance. Others said that they were ready and it felt right (28%) or that they were in love (20%).

On Infidelity

* Many women (30%) felt that having sex with someone else constituted infidelity. However, 45% thought infidelity started with just a kiss.

* Very few would define flirting (6%), romantic email (5%) or having a drink (1%) with someone other than their partner as infidelity.

On Definitions of Sex

* Most young men and women (70%) define sex as "intercourse." However, 23% think that touching is sex. This number increases with age - 36% of 25+ year olds agree.

On Contraception

* The main method of contraception is condoms (66%), followed by the birth control pill (22%). More men (73%) than women (49%) choose condoms as their main method of contraception, while more women (36%) choose to use the pill.

* All college-aged men and women indicated that they would eventually stop using condoms.

25% would stop using a condom when they were married, 25% when they were tested for STD/HIV and 23% said they'd stop in favor of an alternative method of contraception. 15% would stop if they were trying to get pregnant, 7% if he or she were in love and 5% would never use a condom or discontinue after a week.

* Only 31% of the college-aged students use a constant form of birth control whether or not they are in a relationship.

The rest think about buying contraception just before having sex (27%), before starting a new relationship (17%), and 16% use a constant form of birth control in a relationship. 9% never use a condom or discontinue after the first sexual encounter.

About the GenSex Survey

The GenSex Survey asked adults 18 and older about sexual education, lifestyles and preferences.

The survey was commissioned by Durex(R) Consumer Products as part of its 2002 Durex(R) Global Sex Survey.

A total of 2,548 men and women were surveyed, with only 300 of the respondents older than 30.

Responses to the survey were analyzed by sex, age and relationship status providing a more detailed picture of behavioral differences.

Data was collected online.

Colleges Could Be Among New Possible Soft Targets For Terrorism

U-WIRE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- It's hard to find a roll of duct tape in Harvard Square these days. The code orange level of terrorist alert announced by the U.S. government last Friday has prompted a nationwide shopping spree on supplies that might be useful in case of a biological or chemical attack.

On Tuesday, the FBI announced that colleges and universities could be "soft" targets for terrorist attacks.

Colleges are possible targets of attacks because they are poorly defended, host large events and contain materials for nuclear weapons, according to an article posted on The Chronicle of Higher Education's Web site on Tuesday.

But Harvard University Police Department spokesperson Steven G. Catalano noted that universities were far from alone on the list of "soft" targets.

"HUPD was concerned that the article gave this impression that colleges and universities were at immediate risk," Catalano said. "In fact, they were listed as one of many soft targets that included banks, churches and shopping malls."

Nonetheless, Square residents continue to stock up on protective supplies including duct tape which the Government's Department of Homeland Security says can be used in combination with plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and vents in the case of a biological terror attack.

Dickson Brothers -- the Square's sole hardware store -- has sold out of both supplies.

Store Manager Ned P. VerPlanck said that although duct

tape and plastic sheeting inventories have been depleted because of the heightened alert, more supplies will be in stock tomorrow afternoon.

"It's because of the newspaper articles and the news on TV," VerPlanck said. "[The rush] started on Tuesday, with plastic here and a roll of tape there, we sold out."

VerPlanck said one customer bought "quite a bit" of tape to send across the country.

Catalano said Harvard is prepared to respond to any attack on the University, but he says there are no signs that such an attack is imminent.

"Harvard University has very good relations with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies," Catalano said. "We are in constant contact in order to assess any risk to Harvard."

To date, no credible threats have been made against the University.

House superintendents said they have been apprised of the heightened warning.

Cabot House Superintendent Gene G. Ketelhohn said there are emergency plans in the event of a necessary evacuation, but that in the meantime students should be as alert as HUPD.

"The security guards will be extra vigilant, and students should have the same kind of concern," Ketelhohn said. He emphasized the importance of questioning those who enter Houses without Harvard ID and instructed students to avoid allowing "pig-

gybacking" -- letting individuals enter behind students who have already swiped.

Paul J. Hegarty, Leverett House superintendent, agreed that awareness is key to student safety.

"This is a time when nothing can be taken for chance. We're taking [the alert] very seriously," Hegarty said. I'm not going to live in fear, but I try to be safe and aware."

Both superintendents said that if students notice luggage or suspicious packages left around campus, they should report it immediately to HUPD.

"One thing that students can do is to educate themselves about the issues of preparedness and planning," said Catalano.

Catalano said students can consult the Department of Homeland Security's Web site to find out

"how to be more prepared and how to deal with these difficult times."

In addition buying duct tape and plastic sheeting, the Department of Homeland Security recommends assembling a disaster kit that contains a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit, batteries, nonperishable food and water.

Other colleges have increased their security in response to the FBI warning. Princeton University issued a statement on their Web site, and Syracuse University plans to carefully patrol a football game against Notre Dame tomorrow that will attract more than 30,000 fans.

Cynical Inquisition

Compiled By Dustin Sigler

What Wouldn't You Wish on Your Worst Enemy?



"Sitting through one of Clever's exams for an eternity."
Candy Charoonchokan, 2006



"Fish hook in the testicle."
Jason, 2006



"To eat at the Grundle."
Tim Plante, 2006



"Wake up and find poo smeared on his shoes."
Ben Morelli, 2006



"The stress of working for the Cynic."
Dustin Sigler, 2006

Pharmies: Alternative Highs

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"When someone went to tap his face in the morning, it fell off. It had already started to decompose."

Apparently, addiction occurs most often when the source is frequently present. Quitting can be too challenging at times, even for the sake of children.

A first year female says: "I have a friend who started taking Oxy's because the woman she worked for was on them. She became pregnant six months after becoming addicted. Some time later, her significant other passed away while she was still addicted. To this day, she is still stuck on the pill, with no husband, and a baby who may have drastic disorders."

If a newborn can't count on his or her mother for protection, then one certainly can't trust peers to save one's life. A high school senior learned the hard way when he overdosed at a party. "This guy did mad pills and came close to death a couple of times. Finally, he got really

sick one night, but the kids were too scared to call the cops because they didn't want to get in trouble. He was dead by the time they took him to the hospital in the morning." While these are the most xtreme cases, usually impulsion results from the drug. Many UVMers have witnessed fights break out.

"These kids, at a party took Oxycontin and started beating each other up. They get really emotional." Regardless of the

negative effects, several students still declared Oxy "the best drug out there." Since tracking down pharmaceuticals without prescriptions is so effortless-- even websites offer everything from Vioxx to Viagra -- it's no wonder people misuse drugs.

When asked if he'd ever stop using pharmies, a first year male responded: "Yeah, sooner or later I'll die."

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Governor Gere,

Before I begin this letter I must confess something: I am writing this letter from the confines of an 8x9 steel cell called 'writer's block'. I'm just not sure what about you I like, or even what you look like. You're not an action hero, you're not charismatic, and I can imagine a putrid smell that spreads through a room when you get out of bed in the morning. I guess you could say you're really old! LOL!

I also heard from my sometimes acquaintance, Steven Seagal, that you are a Buddhist. Does being Buddhist mean you have to wear comfortable clothes with 'quiet' colors? Do you and Seagal hang out

(If you don't know, Steven Seagal is an internationally famous action hero with his own band)? Maybe we could all hang out together. I wrote him a letter, so he should be getting back to me soon.

I did a little info hunting the other day and found out that you attended UMASS on a gymnastics scholarship. I'm sorry, but I can't respect anyone who went to college on a gymnastics scholarship. Maybe it's because I've already mastered gymnastics, quite easily I might add, and understand that it should not be considered a sport in any sense of the word. I also found out you only went to col-

lege for two years. Looks like I'm better than you because I finished college.

I found out you named your son Homer too. What's the matter Rich? I bet you thought no one was going to find that skeleton. What's that Rich? You want me to tell you what else I found? Well... I have a very credible source that claims you were engaged in a little thing I like to call "inserting gerbils into your anal cavity,

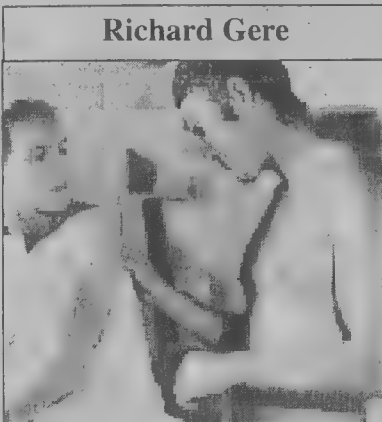
removing whatever apparatus you used to 'enlarge' the cavity, and then, hopefully, sealing the gerbil's only source of oxygen off causing the gerbil to become agitated and consequently die, causing a not unpleasant erotic sensation.

Usually accompanied by a 'safe word', like 'Armageddon', that indicates a desire to stop the episode."

Surprised I found out about all this? Don't be. I do whatever I please Richard. Whatever I please... Hey look at that! My writing block is gone!

Waiting to exhale,
Nicholas Green

P.S. I'm also a little confused about the movie with that guy that turned out to be the one that killed that priest (is he in any other movies?). Was he innocent? Is he a Buddhist too?



Richard Gere

Photo courtesy of
www.altocelbs.com/g/richard-gere/.

Nicholas Green would describe himself as a "34 year old, 'between jobs' (unemployed), divorcee with a mean streak a mile wide and a kilometer deep. A man with uncompromised morals in the sea of immorality that is Burlington, VT.

A man with such incredible vision, he can no longer work with others, because his vision ultimately over shadows his co-workers'. A writer that has broken the barrier between his writing and his life. He is a practicing vegetarian who enjoys the band 'Tower of Power' and an occasional Toby McGuire flick. While he may or may not have enjoyed Spiderman, he acknowledges the genius behind casting Peter Parker over the fictitious spider-man hybrid."

The Flynn in February: The Vagina Monologues

The Vagina Monologues is not only a ground-breaking, eye-opening evening of entertainment, it's a show helping to increase awareness and raise millions of dollars for organizations working towards stopping violence against women and girls and helping those survivors of violence.

Born in 1998, V-Day was created as an outgrowth of The Vagina Monologues. As Eve Ensler performed The Vagina Monologues in small towns and large cities all over the world, she saw and heard about first hand terrible and massive consequences of violence towards women and girls, as hundreds of them told their stories of rape, incest, domestic battery and genital mutilation.

It was clear that something major and dramatic needed to be done. A group of women in New York joined with Eve and founded V-Day.

V-Day (celebrated on or around Valentine's Day) is a global movement to end violence against women and girls by increasing awareness and raising money for anti-violence organizations. The Vagina

Monologues is the centerpiece of annual V-Day events on college campuses and in theatres in cities around the world. The "V" in V-Day is for Valentine, Violence, and obviously, Vagina. During February/March of 2002, over

In every city in which the North American tour performs, a certain percentage of the proceeds are donated to V-Day. In return, V-Day gives back to the city where the money was raised. Local presenters of The Vagina

Monologues seek out and connect with local non-profit organizations that are also working towards ending violence against women and girls and helping those women and girls who have been survivors of violence, both on a physical and mental level, such as rape crisis centers, women's shelters, and other local organizations.

At least half of the money that is donated to V-Day in each city are returned to the designated local non-profit, with the other half going to international organizations. More info regarding The Vagina Monologues and the V-Day movement can be found at www.vaginamonologues.com and www.vday.com.

The Vagina Monologues will

be shown at The Flynn on Friday, February 21 at 8 pm and Saturday, February 22 at 4 pm and 8 pm.

-Press Release



Photo courtesy of www.vaginamonologues.com
Actresses Eve Ensler (top), Amy Carle (bottom left), Starla Benford (bottom right), will be appearing in the Vagina Monologues showing at The Flynn.

800 productions of The Vagina Monologues took place to raise awareness for V-Day. In 2003, over 1,000 productions are expected.

Art as entertainment, entertainment as art? Michael Jackson + towel?
E-mail: vcarts@zoo.uvm.edu
Meetings: 5 pm Wednesday
Where: The basement of Billings

Arts and Entertainment Investigation: Cupid Uncovered

By ANDREW WOODS
Arts/Entertainment Editor

EROS: As with Aphrodite there are various facets to the character of EROS [e'ros] (CUPID). He came out of Chaos, and he attended Aphrodite after she was born from the sea-foam. He (or a different Eros?) was said to be the son of Aphrodite and Ares. Eros was a young, handsome god of love and desire in general, but by the fifth century B.C. he had become very much the god of male homosexuality.

This is the accepted definition of the impish creature known to the world as Cupid, but it gives little in the way of explaining his actual existence.

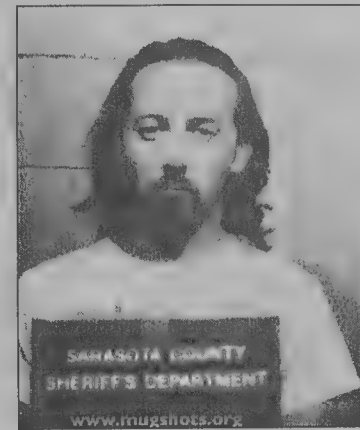
Let's consider the reality of the creature Cupid.

First of all he never ages. Secondly he's armed and dan-

range of his 'love' arrows. He doesn't wear any clothes and has a devious smile, which indicates an ulterior motive in almost

best un-American, at worst lecherous. Nice wings Cupid. What are those supposed to be anyway? He is descended from a gene pool, which harbors a large contradiction: violence and love. Even though I support a nationally sponsored Eugenics program, and even Social Darwinism, I would characterize his breeding as irresponsible.

And who gives this busybody the authority to continue in the manner which he has from the beginning of time? I don't know, but I like to think it's Pee-Wee Herman. Do you see the parallels between the two? I hope everyone had a good Valentine's Day. If not, you know who to blame: Pee-Wee Herman.



gerous and loves to muddle in the affairs of almost anyone unlucky enough to be within

every action he undertakes. He hides behind a loosely defined image of 'love', which seems, at

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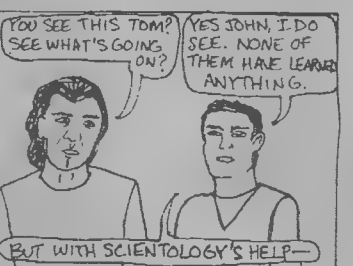
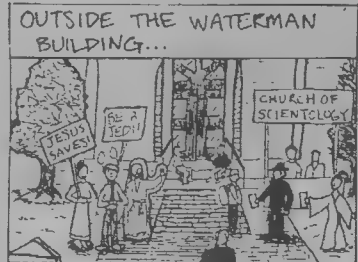
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E-Mail: vcarts@zoo.uvm.edu
Meetings: 5 pm Wednesdays
Place: Basement of Billings

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Hello? Is UVM's new upstart news magazine "Cinder Kit" there? Oh they're not? Could you just tell them they're a failure in my eyes, and in the eyes of the nation? Thanks a lot. Oh you're their girlfriend, well in that case let's go get some steaks. I'll pick you up at 8. Wear something filthy, I'll take care of the party favors. Click! Me: I Cinder Kit: 0

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

I'm going to kill the president of the U.S.A. You know, the Underage Student's Association president. Georgio Bushe. I'm gonna kill him! In a debate about the mission statement of the U.S.A. If any secret service agents are reading this, my name is Rocko DeBudress and I live at 1599 Penn. Ave. (I'm closer than you think) Rocko rules!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

I told her I couldn't pay for our Valentine's meal. What did she say? She actually took out her pepper spray and threatened me. Keep going. And then she sprayed me. Ha ha ha! It's not that funny, I think she's just not comfortable dating a girl yet. Maybe.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Your hygiene is crude! Your ideas are offensive! Your clothes are out of style and your daily routine is laughable! Ha! I am forced to consider your manners

less than desirable! Ahhhh, that was quite a jolting Reginald just delivered! A jolting indeed!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Ya'll silly looking. Look at yo'self Travis. You so dumb lookin'. I don't even know why I still do dis. I could be working my ghetto fabulous self any place I want. I'm 'bout to get faded on the bottle once this ends anyway. Now get out your spelling books, you ain't in the third grade to not be doin' no spelling! Some times ya'll. Some times.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I told her not to get angry, it was just a beer stain, it'll come out. You think she's mad about something else? Oh yeah, I guess I did shake up the can and spray it all over her chanting "Don't cough! I sprayed you! Now take it off!" That's probably not it though. Well I'm headed back to the frat house, you need any exclusivity or drugs that will make someone black out if they drink alcohol? I'll bring both.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I noticed you chose to blow off our date on Saturday night. Oh well. Here's a transcript of a funny story:
Me: So then I said-
Milwaukee: (COUGH! COUGH! COUGH!) I just-
Me: Are you okay?
Milwaukee: (COUGH! COUGH! COUGH! Runs out of room)

Me: (Wonders what's going on.)
Milwaukee: (Walks back into room) I just puked. Do you have a moist towlelete? Preferably lemon scented? I need to clean off my face, because I just puked.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Here's a little advice: If you're going to cook meatloaf, make sure you don't pinch a loaf before making the meatloaf. Zilla!

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

You like chasing balls around. Fuzzy yellow balls. Two of them fit comfortably in your hand. You serve one... fault. Don't get flustered, it happens to everyone. Take your time, gather yourself. The second serve... double fault. Haha, at least your good at tennis.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

I have a surprise for you: Your horoscope sign has just ben changed to Aries.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

See Capricorn.

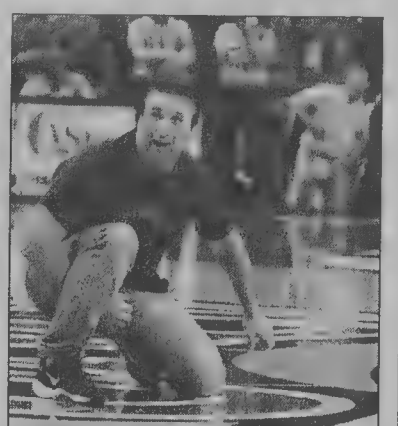
Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Hey Cinder Kit! Did you think I was going away? You might not have been looking for a fight, but you got one Cinder Kit. By the way Big Head (creator of Cinder Kit), you'll know my sting soon. Very soon.

Daniel Baldwin: The Lesser Baldwin

(Notice where Baldwin's hand is after he makes the basket)



Photos courtesy of www.danielbaldwin.net

Student Life

THE VERMONT CYNIC, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

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Maya Angelou to Come to Campus

By LINDSAY BUDNIK
Cynic Staff Writer

On March 28, Maya Angelou will be visiting campus to speak at the Patrick Gymnasium at 8 pm.

Sponsored by the Senior Class Council, Angelou's presentation is the senior class gift to the UVM community this year.

Last year the Senior Class Council started a tradition called the Speaker Series to replace giving a physical gift to the university.

The Speaker Series includes having a prominent speaker come to campus, whose presentation is associated with the graduating class.

Last April Spike Lee spoke at Ira Allen Chapel as part of the Speaker Series.

Currently, the Senior Class Council is trying to raise money

to fund Angelou's visit. Her presentation costs approximately \$40,000 and the Senior Class Council hopes to raise about \$13,000. One way of donating is online, at www.uvm.edu/class2003.

Other fundraising efforts in the future include a senior celebration called "2003 Hours Until Graduation" at ShaNaNa's downtown on February 27.

During Senior Week, the week after finals, a variety of activities will take place to raise money for Angelou's visit.

Among the activities planned for Senior Week include: community service events, a Senior Ball at Quarry Hill Club, a commencement toast, and drive-in movie nights.

Money raised is being kept track of by the paper thermometer outside of Cook

Commons.

Members of Senior Class Council are enthusiastic about their choice of speaker this year, and efforts to fund the visit.

"I'm really excited to hear Angelou speak," said Jamie Larson, member of the Gift Committee. "She's a wonderful, influential person who's bringing everyone together."

"The gift is important because it gives an understanding of what it means to give back to the school," said Jillian Giardina, Senior Class Council President.

Sarah Schoolcraft emphasized how contributing financially helps gain an appreciation of a UVM education.

"We're really encouraging seniors to donate because the value of your UVM degree is also measured by the alumni that give."



Courtesy of www.bridgew.edu/NewsEvent/BridToday/02Mar20/maya.jpg
Maya Angelou: Senior Class Council Speaker

SGA Passes Resolution Opposing Proposed Burlington Noise Ordinance

SGA passed the following resolution proposed by Senator Timothy Allen on Tues. Feb. 11.

Whereas the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont and the City of Burlington have a sustained commitment to improve the quality of life for all Burlington residents and;

Whereas the Burlington City Council Ordinance Committee has recommended changes to the current noise ordinance to the full city council and;

Whereas the proposed ordinance would increase fines for the first noise violation by up to 400% and impose a fine of 500% the current fine for the second and third offenses occurring within a twenty-four month period, imposing too a significant a burden for many residents to pay and;

Whereas the proposed guidelines state that a party consists of one or more non-residents and does not clearly identify unreasonably loud noise and;

Whereas the ordinance mainly gears community service toward students and does not include guidelines for non-college student members of the Burlington community therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association, on behalf of its membership, does not support the proposed changes to the current noise ordinance in part due to disagreement with what constitutes a party, as well as with community service and monetary fine components that biasly target college students.

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont urges the Burlington City Council to consider a new definition of what constitutes a party, clearly create a community service program that can be fairly implemented for all constituents, re-evaluate the significant increase in fines, and decrease the timeline from twenty-four back to twelve months.

Club Highlight: UVM Rescue

Commentary

UVM Rescue is not your typical school activity. It is a 24

hours a day 365 days a year service that provides pre-hospital care, to more approximately 2,300 calls per year, more than six calls a day.

Each member of UVM Rescue spends a minimum of 80 hours a month at rescue's quarters behind police services, through the school year and when school lets out for vacation, rescue members stay behind, ensuring that the necessary crew of five members is always on duty and saving lives.

UVM Rescue is one of only 17 student run certified ambulance transporting agencies in the country, and the only one that dispatches for themselves and other rescue agencies.

UVM Rescue Dispatch is used by 10 local emergency response agencies in the area. Working so many hours a month and remaining in Burlington over the summer can be a very strenuous situation.

Rescue members struggle to balance school, any outside jobs they might have, and their hours at rescue. The additional work load that rescue provides is not taken lightly by any member. Providing emergency medicine to such a large group of people

requires immense amounts of time spent training and studying. Students strive to understand rescue protocol, not simply to know the material or to earn a grade, but more importantly to be able to apply the knowledge they gain when it could make a difference between life or death.

'Rescue is a family, it makes the university seem smaller.'

Callie Tombs
Personnel Officer

the hospital." said public relations officer Tanya Tersillo.

"UVM Rescue really does make a difference in the community,"

Though rescue is a lot of work, it also provides many benefits to its members.

"It's a big university and you need some sort of family support," said Personnel officer Callie Tombs.

"Rescue is a family. It makes the university seem smaller."

Working so closely with such a small group of people provides you with an incredible bond.

The unique experiences that you have while working at rescue leave you with a great feeling of unity. contact 656-4287 for more info.

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Highlights of the Proposed Burlington Noise Ordinance

By TIMOTHY ALLEN
SGA Senator

The Burlington City Council will be voting on a new noise ordinance on February 18th at City Hall.

Among the highlight to the ordinance are the following:

"Parties and social events" have been defined.

"A party or other social event is defined as a gathering upon the premises of one or more persons not residing at the premises." [Sec. 21-13 (b)2c].

Therefore, a party can be defined as two people.

The period that violations can occur in has increased from 12 to 24 months.

During the typical student's entire off-campus stay, the violations will build on each other.

This, if passed, will take effect immediately and the new policies will build on old ones.

If a violation is committed 2 months ago (under old ordinance), then another is committed within 12 months, those in question will be dealing with the new resolution for both offenses.

Another difference is that these penalties will be given to all residents at any house listed on the lease, even if people are not present at the time of the incident. Police can return to the house

the next day if necessary to give tickets to all residents after getting names from a landlord.

Community service has become part of the punishment with the proposed noise ordinance.

The UVM Office of Judicial Affairs, as well as the Office for the Vice President of Students at Champlain College, have agreed to, in part, oversee the completion of community service hours.

Punishments are given here assuming there was a "party or other social events" (1 or more non-residents present):

The first offense is a civil violation with a minimum fine of \$200, 12 hours of community service, and three hours with the restorative justice panel, to a maximum fine of \$400 and 3 hours with the restorative justice process.

The second offense is a civil violation with a minimum fine of \$300, 15 hours of community service, and 3 hours with the restorative justice process to a maximum fine of \$500 and 3 hours with the restorative justice process.

The third offense, and any subsequent offenses, are criminal offenses with a \$500.

To voice your concerns, attend City Council on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm.

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 Feb. 22nd 2pm at Patrick Gym
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 World - Wed. 19th 7pm Ira Allen
TUESDAY:

Speaker: Ray Zirblis

"North of Slavery: African-
 Americans in Vermont, 1760-
 1860" Memorial Lounge,
 Waterman Building 7:30 PM
 Info: (802) 656-8363
 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Career Expo 2003 Job Fair

Billings Student Center
 Wed. Feb. 19th 2-6 pm
<http://uvm.edu/~career>

Summer Jobs: Wilderness Leadership & Education

info session Feb. 18, Tuesday at 6
 PM, Billings North Lounge

Non-Profit Workshop

PeaceCorps info session
 Feb. 25th Tues. 4:30
 Career Services L/L E-107

Speaker: Elise Guyette

African Americans in the Green
 Mountains Wed. 12:00 - 1:00 pm
 Marsh Lounge, Billings
 Information: 656-8833
Sherwood.Smith@uvm.edu

Film: Journey To A Hate Free Millennium

7:00-9:00 PM
 Ira Allen Chapel
 Presented by Brent Scarpo.

Tech Fair - come have your
 computer questions answered
 and presentations L/L Fireplace
 Lounge 3:30 pm
 Fri. Feb. 21st

Panel: Vermont from Different Perspectives

Thurs. Feb. 27th 12-1:30pm
 at 104 Allen House

Films: Bamboozled and Kakewalk

Wed. 19th 6pm at CC Theatre

L/L Gallery Exhibit Opening
Reception: Linda E. Jones
 opening 5-7 pm. Fri. 21st

Film: And All This Madness

-documentary on September 11th
 by Walter Ungerer
 Wed. Feb. 27th at 6:45
 discussion to follow

Catholic Center

Student Bible Study Tuesdays at
 9pm
 The Rosary - Sundays after the
 7pm Mass
 - weekly Mass schedule:
 Saturday, 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am,
 12pm, and 7pm Weekdays at
 12:15 Wed night mass at 9pm
 - Prepare and serve dinner at the
 Dismas House

Activities Fair !!

Feb. 27th in Billings' north lounge from 10-3
 raffles and free food!

*Attention club leaders: if you would like a table (space is limited)
 contact joseph.thibault@uvm.edu*

Monday, Feb 17 from 3-7pm.

- Alternative Spring Break
 March 15-22nd. Serve in Boston
 at the PineStreet Inn and the St.
 Francis House; two homeless
 shelters in inner city The deadline
 to sign up is Friday, Feb 21st!
 - Volunteer at the Ruggles House,
 (residential facility for the elderly)
 Saturday, Feb 22nd from 3-5pm.
 - Bowling Night- Thursday, Feb
 27th at 7pm.

Christ Church Presbyterian
 informal worship followed by
 bagels and fellowship
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

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 February - Bible Study in MAT
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UVM Ski Club offers free buses
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Rhythm & Brews Coffee
House: Kyla Graves and Drew
 Cohen L/L FPL 8 - 10 PM

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CLUB EVENTS**UVM Ski Club**

Free busses on Sat. and Sun.
 leaving at 8 am from the Patrick
 gym to:
 Feb. 15th - Sugarbush
 Feb. 16th - Stowe

Salle Catamount Fencing Club

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 7-9pm Marsh Dining Hall
 (attached to the MAT dorm)

ChemCats Club

[American Chemical Society]
 Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

Men's and Woman's Ultimate Frisbee

All welcome at the Patrick Gym
 Feb 18 8:30-11pm, tennis courts

Vantage Point

7:30 pm in A500 Old Mill Annex.
 We accept submissions via email
 (vantagep@zoo.uvm.edu) or at

the mailboxes in 304 Williams
 and 512 Old Mill. The deadline
 for our spring issue is March 1

Table Tennis Club

every Fri. 7 p.m.
 at the Harris - Millis Lobby

Climbing Club

Climbing Wall at the Patrick
 Gym
 open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs
 in the Patrick Gym

International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella

at Ira Allen Chapel
 Feb. 22nd

Scuba Club

February 20 at 7:00 in the brick
 lounge between given and rowell
 meeting, come if you're interest-
 ed in taking trips and diving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAFSA due! - March 1st 2003

International RA Appreciation Day - Thurs. Feb. 20th

Speak with President Fogel
 Memorial Lounge in Waterman.
 Monday Feb. 3 1:30 to 2:30 PM

Have an event or club to adver-
 tise? Want something printed in
 the Student life Calendar? contact
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Want to write for the Student Life Section?
 Have an idea for an article or the section?

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Celebrate International RA Appreciation Day!

February 20, 2003

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SPRING 2003 Schedule

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6-9am	"Sleep in sounds" TBA	JT Figueroa "Cacharrones" Latin/World/ Jazz/Rock	IKE "Melodius Funk" Jazz	Bob & John "Donagel Express" Celtic	David "I am afraid of everything" Indie/Travis	George Section "Music in the Jazz Tradition" Jazz	Andrew "Jack Action Radio Theatre" Metal
9-12pm	Ted "8x10 Gallery" Jazz/Folk/World	Casey "Serious Dalmat" Indie	LJ Palardy "L.J.'s Dream" Jazz/Electro	Robert "Sow more sally" electro	Blomo "The Sleepy Strange" melancholy Indie	The Howie Rose Show	Anna "A little bit Country" Indie/country
12-3pm	Terrell "The Ralph Phillips Show" Down Tempo/Drum n' Bass	erin "Alphabet Soup" Chillout, Trippy hop, RPM	Jimbley "misunderestimated show" Downbeat -to-> dance	Sophie "The sound shaped blank" Hip-Hop and more	Rick O'Neal "In the Moment" Variegated	Taj "Electric Pop Razz" Indie/Pop/Rock/ Electronic	Mutant 23 "What's This?" Electronic & Ambient
3-6pm	Free Range Chicken "They Haven't Got me Yet!" Electro	Josh "Beware of the Sheep" Electro	Met the DJ rock	DJ CereB "Evidentals" Hip-Hop and Trip Hop	Vinea "Driving Mule" loud rock	Infinita "The 6th Borough" Soul & Hip-Hop	Pat "The Grindbox" Metal/Punk/R'nR
6-8pm	Scop Sam "Dread Intervention" Reggae	Colford & Meghan "The Flying Trapeze" Bluegrass/Jazz	Brian Lafranchi "The Improvise" Funk/Downbeat/ world/Jazz	"EXPOSURE" Live Local Music	Paul "Mostly Cal Bands" Indie/electro	Super K "Rhythm Rock" Classic Reggae	Calvin "Silence in Stereo" Electro/Rock/ Classical
8-10pm	Dan & Steve "Break'n the Roof" Bombay R: Electro Vindaloo	Monica "Drop and Roll" Dance Music	Tom Ayres "Emotional Weather Report" american roots & electro	Nate B "The Sureshot" Beats	Dread Lion "sounds of station" Reggae	Melo "Cultural Bunker" Hip-Hop	Kristen Electro/Indie
10-12pm	Kyle "Jiro Vibrations" Roots & Dub Reggae	John Hineckley "Jazz B..." Jazz electro	DJ Andrew W. "Kenotic Groove" House/Trance	Jack Spade "Heavy Rotation" Hip-Hop/R&B	Valeria "Holixor" House	Tahr "SoulPlay" Soul/Funk/Hip-Hop	Spunky "Soundclash" Dancehall
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What's Happening in SGA

By JENNIFER HUGHES &
JOESPH THIBAUT
SGA Senators

The Student Action Committee of the SGA has been continuing their work with a variety of issues.

Advocating against the proposed Burlington noise ordinance, that would increase fees and indirect accountability for noise violations for people living off campus.

The ordinance will be discussed at the next city council mtg. (Tuesday Feb 18 at 7pm in Contois Auditorium) all students are encouraged to attend and express their concerns during public forum.

Collaborating with the Physical Plant and Police

Services to install new blue lights around campus has worked to provided the following: five free standing units installed, 3 on South Prospect St., 1 at the Counseling Center, and one at the Women's Center, and 10 wall mounted units will be installed on buildings around campus, starting next week, beginning with the call box outside of Bailey Howe library.

Fifteen locations on Trinity Campus have also been mapped out for blue light installation, which is planned for the spring.

Discussions have been organized between SGA senators and Gretchen Gross of Drug and Alcohol Services to address the increasing issue of drugs and alcohol abuse on and off campus.

A meeting with the Athletics

department was organized to discuss the proposed athletic fee, and to increase students awareness of the impact of the fee on tuition, and the possible benefits and costs of the fee for students in general.

A meeting with Police Services was also organized to discuss the hiring of campus security guards, what their presence and responsibilities will mean to students in the residence halls. The increase of security measures that the police are taking throughout campus, as well as the continued interest to build positive relations between students and police services.

Questions? Contact the Student Action Committee Chair, at jhugh-

es@zoo.uvm.edu

The Student Activities Committee has been advocating for more club space lately. The club space in the basement of billings is also getting renovated with thanks to Student Life for some help.

The 27th of February we will be having an Activities Fair in the North Lounge of Billings, there will be food, prizes and plenty of clubs represented. Keep posted for more from the student activities committee

Questions? Contact Student Activities Committee Chair, joseph.thibault@uvm.edu

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Dear Dr. Schmynic,

I have been dating this guy for a long time, since the beginning of my senior year of high school. Since coming to UVM, with him at another college, I have been having feelings of temptation, especially with some of other boys I meet.

I love my boyfriend dearly, and I know if he was here things would be different. I never get to see him, and he can't really come visit me.

But it's so hard being here away from him, with all of these cute boys! Should I break off and make it easier, or suffer another lonely semester up here in the cold?

-Lonely in Living/Learning

Dear Lonely in L/L,

This is a classic example of what happens when you go away to college. Ha, ha...I remember when I was in college. When I was 17, I had some very odd beer. Anyway, what you really need to do is stay true to yourself.

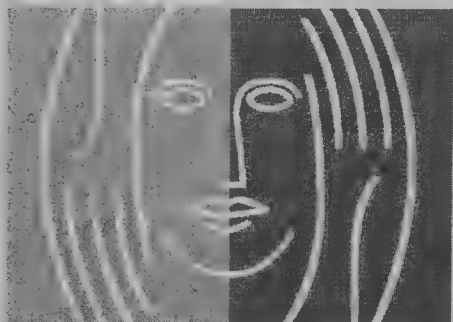
You don't want to hurt your boyfriend, but your also in college and its a time of self-exploration. Don't cheat on him, cheating on someone sucks...even if it could be the love of your life. Wait, and talk things out with him because its the right thing to do.

Anyway, you know what's best for you so make a list for yourself, talk it over with your roommate/best friend, and make a collective decision about what's best for you.

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases Seem More Of A Threat Than Most Willing To Admit

By **DEBORAH GETTLEMEN**
Contributing Writer

The reality: people have unprotected sex.

The reality: people get AIDS. And it's everywhere- in television shows and in books and on posters.

There is still a shockingly large part of our society that clings to the belief that those testing positive for HIV are gay men or intravenous drug users.

The reality: they are very wrong.

It is estimated that over twenty million people in the world are living with HIV, of the infected men, 57 % are homosexual and 24 % are intravenous drug users and of the women, 38% are intravenous drug users, and 59% got the disease through heterosexual contact.

STDs, or Sexually Transmitted Diseases, have been a mainstay of international society since the discovery of the New World.

In 1493 Columbus, along with treasures from his newly "discovered" lands, brought syphilis back from his voyage, an

STD that if left unattended can cause infertility and blindness.

By 1498 this "great pox" had reached Asia and by 1505 had landed in Japan.

The foreign disease baffled people for centuries, and many attempts were made to prevent its transmission.

The oldest condoms, for instance, were recently found by archeologists in Dudley Castle in England, dating back to 1705.

In terms of the history of disease in America, Christianity was the main force in preventing the spread of infection through socially stigmatizing promiscuity via the wrath of God.

Social policies were successful as well.

In the Plymouth Colony, civil penalties for fornication included a ten pound tobacco fine and several lashes on the back, in Maryland it was up to twenty lashes and as much as 500 pounds.

In the eighteenth century the "French pox", another reference to syphilis, became reason enough for divorce, which has been documented in cases where the spouse, having been involved in an extra-

marital affair, infected his or her significant other.

In 1918 venereal diseases became more socially visible and in 1935 Connecticut became the first state to pass a law for a mandatory syphilis test before marriage.

Syphilis is now treated with penicillin and other antibiotics, and because of this, is referred to as a "treatable Sexually Transmitted Disease".

In the 1970's genital herpes made headlines as the newest STD, one that remains, to this day, "incurable".

With genital herpes, came the realization that there were repercussions of the "free-love" era in the sixties.

As sex became less and less a "free" thing, people became more and more aware of all that could erupt as a consequence.

A mere eleven years after genital herpes came on the scene, the first diagnosis of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) was made in San Francisco after treating an unfamiliar case of pneumonia.

AIDS is estimated to have killed 40 million people by the

opening decades of the twenty-first century.

Currently 20 million people live with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which leads to AIDS) and 16,000 new infections occur daily.

Amazingly, the HIV virus is so fragile that it can survive only in bodily fluids that are warm and contain the right combination of salts and proteins.

In June of 1981 the first account of AIDS was reported. Since then millions have died.

We face countries with over one third of the population infected, leaving America and the rest of the world with a hauntingly similar sense of vulnerability to that left behind after 9/11.

Realistically AIDS is more threatening than another terrorist attack.

The good news is, the spread of this virus is determined solely by one's behavior.

The bad news is, it takes eight to ten years for symptoms of AIDS to present themselves, and over 95% infected die of the disease.

What is even more menacing is that currently, one in five

American girls has had sex by the age of 15 or younger and 50% of all adolescents report having more than one sexual partner, one in ten has had six or more.

Our age group is the most "at risk" due to the frequently increased number of sex partners during this time in our lives.

And many people live with AIDS today, approximately 362,827 people in the United States.

Due to medicines and HIV/AIDS awareness people are living longer, happier, and less stigmatized lives than they might have lived twenty years ago.

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Kake Walk Marches Through UVM History

Continued From Front

house in UVM's Greek community.

In "Walkin' fo' da' Kake" 15 pairs, two members from each fraternity, competed for the cake. They wore Blackface, a shiny black lacquer that was applied to the face of the contestants, along with white make up around the eyes and mouth, and nappy hair.

The pairs would perform choreographed walks that required a great deal of flexibility and balance.

The contestants would dress in costumes, at times one member of the pair would dress in a black suit with a silk top hat and the other dressed as a woman. The anthem that the "Walkin' fo' da' Kake" was set to was named, "Cotton Babes".

The Kake Walk was the title to the winter festival that was held on a weekend every February.

The events that made up the weekend changed from year to year, the mainstays were; The Kake Walk Ball/ Masquerade Party, a Kake Walk parade, snow sculpture contest between Greek houses, skits, and a jazz festival on Saturday afternoon (late 1950-1960).

Administrators would, most of the time, overlook the drunken behavior that came with the festivities.

Almost every year a sign would be hung on the statue of Ira Allen which read, "No Dry Kake Walk".

The Kake Walk started as a substitution for a military ball in 1893. The event was given little attention by the faculty and the majority of the students.

The year after, 1894, the

Kake Walk was held in the Loft of the Old Mill building; this event was far from the winter festival it was to become in years to follow. There was no Blackface or lavish costumes; it was an impromptu walk off where the cake was eaten well before contestants were awarded. The night was enhanced with a keg of beer, the morning after it was found that the beer had leaked through the floor into the old chapel below.

This outraged the faculty who banned the Kake Walk for two years, 1895 and 1896. In 1897, the Kake Walk was reinstated to raise money for the university's football team, this time as an official contest and with Blackface.

Throughout the years the Kake Walk and the winter carnival became a large source of revenue for the university. It was almost taboo for a student to condemn the Kake Walk.

In 1912 this quote appeared in this very newspaper, The Vermont Cynic, "Any Man who dares not to take enough interest in his college to enter—and do that back-bending, knee-bending, glorious old Vermont walk—is unworthy to be a son of Vermont and should have his diploma denied to him at the end of his four year sojourn here."

Many thought of the Kake Walk as a civic duty; in wartime years all profits from the weekend's festivities were donated to the Red Cross. Many justified the walk as a "celebration of negro culture."

The Kake Walk became so popular that Life magazine covered it in 1952 and the national media covered the event on a yearly basis from the 1950's on.

In 1964 the NAACP formally criticized the University of Vermont for the Kake Walk and the surrounding events.

1965 was the first time since 1897 that Blackface was not worn by the contestants; a dark green face paint was worn instead.

This was the IFC's response to the NAACP's criticism. Many complained that the change had accomplished nothing; that the Kake Walk would perpetually discriminate no matter what cosmetic changes were made to the

event.

Many others were angered that the spirit of the Kake Walk was lost in losing the Blackface.

In 1969 the university finally abolished the Kake Walk and other related events. This was much to the disdain of many of many students, who tried to reinstate the event by holding the event privately.

Throughout the 1960's the Cynic opposed the Kake Walk. "Continuous criticism by The Cynic resulted in the event ending completely." --www.uvm.edu

While today many are aware of the Kake Walk and its infamy in UVM's past, they are unaware of the significance of the event to the university.

It was the single biggest event of the year; professors would cancel classes and libraries would close on days surrounding the Kake Walk.

The whole university would shut down and devote all of its attention to the event.



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Pharmies Get Kids Alternatively High



Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor

Students say pharmaceutical drugs are as easy to get as over counter drugs.

Continued From Front

"Ritalin is like candy. Everyone supposedly has A.D.D."

It seems that some professionals tend to be indiscriminate when it involves prescribing stimulants.

"My doctor's an idiot," said one sophomore.

"He prescribes me three times what I need of Aderol and Ritalin, which is ridiculous because nobody takes both."

Others skip the intermediary and go straight to the source. A UVM junior divulges his chief consultant: "I've got a pharmacist friend who sells pretty much anything for a buck a piece."

Those with prescriptions or links with the pharmacy world seem to be outnumbered by people with peer connections.

"Somebody gets hurt — there's a new P.K. source," says one UVM student.

Kids with supplied parents are able to get their hands on the most expensive drugs.

"My friend's dad has two prosthetic legs. He hooked me up with Oxycontin all the time — stole them from his dad."

"Finals, midterms, and exams are the best time to sell Ritalin and Aderol. The rest of the year, you can sell lots of hydrocodone, or whatever else crosses your path," says one dealer.

Students rely on stimulants for concentration and studying, and pain killers for festivity.

Nearly every student claims to have tried Aderol or Ritalin and most use it most during the school year.

And just how does the average college student afford drugs on a budget that hardly allows one to see monthly shows, or even pay for books?

Pharmies offer -First Year more bang for your buck.

"Most are pretty cheap, except Oxy's. Those run like \$40 for a 40 (mg).

Percosets and Klonopins are around two dollars. Good ones are three bucks and orange."

"Pain killers are cost efficient. Pop a K-pin, drink two beers, and you're set," says a UVM student.

Regardless of the modest price of a pill, some admit to spending a lofty annual fee for pharmaceuticals.

"Yearly, I easily spend \$500 on pharmies," says a first year.

That's equal to the cost of a snowboard or skis, to put it into perspective.

When asked why they do them, there seems to be a multitude of answers.

"Why do any drug?" says a birkie-wearing, muumuu sporting first year, "— because it f*cks you up."

Others agreed that they just

V-Day And Monologues Act Hope To Increase Awareness, Decrease Violence

Continued From Front

Anne Smith, UVM's victim advocate and a benefactor of the show, is pleased with the show coming to both UVM last weekend and the Flynn this weekend.

"I definitely think the Monologues work to help this problem of violence, it brings a special energy that I haven't seen in people before," said Smith.

"It's a great thing, because the audience is so diverse. You see old women, young women, men, LGBT folks, straight folks, different races, backgrounds, a very broad-based audience."

V-Day has raised over 18 million dollars to grassroots organization all over the world, including groups in Afghanistan and Kenya.

The problem of violence against women, according to many, is not attacks and violence committed by strangers.

"Contrary to people's stereotypes of violence, the perpetrator is usually someone the victim knows," said Smith.

"It's our friends, husbands, partners, boyfriends. It's hard to get away from it."

Until we start changing the way that people, especially men, are socialized and change our culture, violence won't stop."

Trish Tchume, the Assistant Coordinator of Living/Learning, believes that most abuse against women is types other than physical.



Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor

The Vagina Monologues were acted out this past Saturday at the Royall Tyler Theater.

"With the number of times that I hear the words 'pussy' and 'bitch' or see women blatantly objectified on this campus, I can say with all certainty that the threat of violence most certainly exists," said Tchume.

"Programs like the Vagina Monologues actively confront these messages which have become so prevalent in our society. Does the show silence these societal messages?

That might be too much to expect. But it certainly serves to turn the volume down on these messages of violence. I'll support that."

Some feel that violence on campus doesn't occur as often as other campus.

"I don't really think there is a super serious problem in Vermont," said sophomore Anna

Boardman. "I know of other places where it is much worse. But I think the events help out for awareness."

Tchume agrees. "Even if statistically, acts of violence against women are happening far more or far less here at UVM than on other campuses, as long as the threat of violence exists, we have a problem."

Overall, the V-Day program and the Vagina Monologues has been seen as a success across the country and in Vermont.

"When we continue to work, like V-Day and Vagina Monologues has done by raising awareness of the issues and empowering women to speak," said Smith. "We can stop the silence of violence against women."

wanted "to get high, to feel good, to study."

One first year female affirms that Xanax had complete anesthetic effects when she pierced her cartilage earlier this year.

Another claims that it "gives me a total body high."

"I feel like a human jell-O jiggler."

"It makes boredom interesting," asserts a sophomore male.

In fact, rumor has it that the best time for popping a P.K. is "when you're chillin' out or watching movies."

Students say that consuming pharmies orally and snuffing or "blowing" is the only way to go. Smoking pharmaceuticals, on the other hand, is not a good idea.

"My friend smoked Vicodin once. He turned pale and passed out."

Though blowing is the most common form of intake among interviewed students, it may entail nosebleeds.

"I blew the wrong shit one time and I wanted to rip my nose off," says a first year male.

Some plagued with insomnia, or boredom, "pop a Vicodin and take a shot and you'll have the best sleep in years."

Evidently, Vicodin is the multifaceted drug of choice. Aside from a sleep aid, "I take it to help me study," said one student.

But for a sure-fire, all-night pick-me-up, Aderol and Ritalin do the trick.

"Two days ago, I had a crazy econ exam," says a first year male.

"I took some Addy, stayed up all night, and aced the test."

In fact, that may be the med of choice among more studious undergrads. "Aderol makes you think and keeps you awake — a great college companion."

Otherwise, it can just be used as a replacement drug.

"It's just poor man's coke," says a first year male. "That's why middle aged people do coke and kids do Addy."

This is followed by a surge of concurrence among his cohorts. Not all are gung-ho about pain killers.

"It wears you down. After a

while, you become irritable if you don't have a pain killer."

Some didn't like the reoccurring memory loss, claiming that it "messes with your psyche."

Though Oxycontin, used for cancer related and other debilitating conditions, is among the most expensive pain killers on the market, many faced ugly encounters with the drug.

"I hate Oxycontin," says one first year male, "It makes you aggressive and itch. That's just a bad combination."

If a newborn can't count on his or her mother for protection, then one certainly can't trust peers to save one's life. A high school senior learned the hard way when he overdosed at a party.

While these are the most extreme cases, usually impulsion results from the drug.

Many UVMers have witnessed fights break out.

"These kids at a party took Oxycontin and started beating each other up. They get really emotional."

Regardless of the negative effects, several students still declared Oxy "the best drug out there."

Since tracking down pharmaceuticals without prescriptions is so effortless— even websites offer everything from Vioxx to Viagra — it's no wonder people misuse drugs.

When asked if he'd ever stop using pharmies, a first year male responded: "Yeah, sooner or later I'll die."

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Cats beat Binghamton, NU in ECAC Action

Senior Morgan Hall scored a game-high 28 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out four assists to lead Vermont past Binghamton, 79-58, for the Catamounts first road win in the America East this season.

The win also gave head coach Keith Cieplicki his 120th career victory, tying the all-time mark in the women's basketball program set by Cathy Inglese. Inglese, the current head coach at Boston College, posted a record of 120-74 (.619) in seven seasons at Vermont. Cieplicki's record stood at 120-51 after the victory at Binghamton.

Hall, who scored the game's first 5 points and 17 of her 28 points in the opening 20 minutes, turned the game over to her teammates in the second half. UVM's post duo of Aaron Yantzi and Katie McNamara combined for 31 points and 12 rebounds in the contest. Theresa LaRocque added seven points and Dawn Cressman chipped in eight points.

The Catamounts shot 50% from the floor and forced Binghamton into 20 turnovers for the game. Jen Blues led the Bearcats with 14 points, while Rachel Laws and Kate Townley added 10 points each.

Cieplicki then became the winningest coach in Vermont Women's Basketball history as

the Cats rolled past Northeastern 76-65 on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore Katie McNamara scored a game-high 20 points on 8-for-9 shooting and grabbed five rebounds for the Cats.

Northeastern held a slim 9-8 lead early in the game, but a jumper by McNamara at 12:39 ignited an 11-3 Vermont run that would give the Catamounts an 11-point lead, 22-11, with 8:41 left in the first half. Another 16-2 spurt capped on a three-point play by sophomore Lani Boardman would allow UVM to push its lead to 26, 41-15, with 1:58 left. The Catamounts would take a 43-20 lead into the locker room.

Junior Aaron Yantzi scored 10 of her 16 points in the opening 20 minutes and Vermont forced the Huskies into 16 first half turnovers.

Northeastern (8-15, 6-6) regrouped in the locker room, opening the second half with an 11-4 run to cut the lead to 48-31 with 14:46 remaining. Vermont answered with an 8-2 spurt, behind six points from Morgan Hall, to go back up 56-33 with 11:18 left.

NU's Joi Jefferson drained

two three-pointers as the Huskies scored eight straight points to make the score 56-41. Northeastern closed out the game with a 7-3 run getting as close as 10, 75-65, with 16 seconds left but the Catamounts would hang on for the victory.

The Huskies shot a blistering 63.3% from the field in the second half and 56% for the game.

Head Coach Keith Cieplicki became the winningest coach in Vermont Womens Basketball history as the Cats defeated Northeastern 76-75 on Saturday.

Zwarich led Northeastern with 17 points and five rebounds. Aisha Williams added 13 points, while Jefferson chipped in 10. Francesca Vanin grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds and added nine points.

The Catamounts scored 23 points on 22 NU turnovers and shot 49.2% from the field. Vermont also made 15-of-19 free throws, while Northeastern attempted just seven (3-for-7). Hall finished the game with 19 points and nine assists.

The Catamounts return to action Wednesday when they travel to Durham, New Hampshire for a 7:00pm game at Lundholm Gym.

-SportsInfo



Keith Cieplicki became the winningest coach in women's Bball history on Saturday as the Cats defeated Northeastern University.

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Give the Gift of "You" for Valentine's Day
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Plan the time that you take your favorite Valentine out around the start time of that big game you want to see.

When you get to the restaurant act indifferent that there are working televisions in each individual booth. Red Wings beat the Avs in OT: it pays to do your homework.

If you are in a long-distance relationship you have to deal give with a gift. This doesn't have to be expensive, romantic or thoughtful for that matter; it should be something that she will instantly give back to you and say, "What am I going to do with this?" I will give you some ideas: The Tampa Bay Buccaneers Super Bowl Championship DVD, a complete set of college basketball trading cards which might include a card that has a piece of Bob Knight's sweater, an inflatable chair, a football helmet with three separate compartments that hold salsa, nacho cheese and pudding. I will let you think for yourself on this one.

When the day is done, reward yourself with a one am Sportscenter and a big pat on the back because, well, you've earned it.

Gymnastics
Cont'd from back...

Performing a brand new routine on the Floor Exercise, Magnusson pulled-through again with a 9.35. Burmster earned a 9.65 after nailing her two and a half twisting layout. Brooks came out on top with a 9.70 helping the team to their first victory of the year.

The Women's team beat Syracuse 111.850 to 100.200. This is just the beginning of an amazing season for the University of Vermont's Gymnastics team. Continuing to improve and work harder than ever; the newfound motivation and positive attitude that overwhelms the team is something that is hard to miss. Come see both the Men's and Women's teams compete February 22 at 2:00.

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Men's Basketball

Taylor Coppenrath scored 28 points to lead a punishing inside attack as Vermont ran past Binghamton, 74-54, in America East men's basketball at the Patrick Gym on Wednesday night.

The win, Vermont's eighth in nine home games this season, improved the Catamounts record to 15-9 overall and 8-3 in the America East. They also avenged an earlier defeat to the Bearcats while closing to within one game of league-leading Boston University (9-2).

America East's leading scorer, Coppenrath scored 18 of his points in the second half as the Catamounts broke open a tight game.

Vermont out-rebounded the Bearcats, 42-26, with a 14-7 edge on the offensive glass.

Coppenrath and center Matt Sheftic neutralized Binghamton's seven-foot center Nick Billings, who was limited to just 15 points before fouling out with 7:30 to play.

A three-pointer by Coppenrath and a tip-in by Sheftic capped a 7-0 run to give Vermont an early 28-21 lead.

The Bearcats, behind a pair of hoops by Anthony Green,

would close the gap to 32-30 at the break.

After an early second-half burst by Vermont, two baskets by Stanley Ocitti cut the Cats lead to 42-40 with 14:06 to go. But Coppenrath answered with 14 points in a 16-4 run over the next six minutes that sealed the win for the Catamounts.

Also for the Cats, Sheftic added 12 points and Germain Njila scored 10, all in the second half, while Grant Anderson had a game-high 10 boards.

The Vermont defense was again solid limiting their foes to 65 points or less for the tenth time in the last 13 games.

Coppenrath, who went 10-for-18 from the floor, had 28 points for the second straight game. This season he has scored 20 or more points 12 times in 21 games and has scored 25 or more in nine contests.

For the visitors, Green (six rebounds, three assists) and Jeffrey St.

Fort tallied 13 points apiece while Billings added 10. One of the nation's leading shot-blockers, Billings was able to get a piece of just two shots and had only four rebounds.

The Bearcats, who lost their third straight overall and their fifth consecutive conference road

game, evened their record at 11-11 overall and 6-6 in the America East.

The Cats then traveled to Boston on Saturday where Northeastern's Aaron Davis scored 18 points as the Huskies overwhelmed Vermont, 76-59.

The loss stopped the Catamounts modest three-game win streak while they fell to two games behind first place Boston University who beat Hartford, 65-62, in overtime across town.

Five points by David Hehn fueled a 7-3 run to open the second half but UVM would get no closer. The Huskies, who shot 54% in the second half, led by as many as 30 points before a late burst by the Cats reduced the final margin.

Coppenrath led the Catamounts with 15 points on just five-for-15 shooting. Mike Goia also finished with 11, all in the remaining six minutes, while Germain Njila tallied nine along with six rebounds.

Vermont (15-10, 8-4 America East) now returns home to where they play three of their final four regular season games starting with New Hampshire on Wednesday evening.

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Vermont Ski Team Wins Third Carnival of Season

Skiing

The University of Vermont ski team won its third carnival of the year in impressive fashion and established some momentum heading into next weekend's EISA Championships with a dominating win at the Williams Winter Carnival this weekend.

Vermont won with 770 points, 119 points better than runner-up New Hampshire, which finished with 651 points. Dartmouth was third with 648.

The Catamounts continued to absolutely dominate the alpine events. In Friday's giant slalom events, the Vermont women took five of the top six places, with freshman standout

Jamie Kingsbury winning again while Hilary McCloy was third, senior captain Gillian McFetridge fourth, Erin Mascolino fifth and Madaileine Krebs sixth.

It was a similar story in the men's GS, with Vermont taking the top three places. Jimmy Cochran, easily the best skier in the East this season, won his sixth race of the year by nearly a full second, with teammates Matt Knittle second and Scott Kennison third.

Friday's Nordic races saw junior captain Emily Klemp finish sixth in the 10-K

freestyle with Molly Gray 12th and Kate Crawford 14th.

For the men, still skiing without Ethan Foster who is at the Under-23 World Championships, sophomore

Vermont won with 770 points, 119 points better than runner-up New Hampshire, which finished with 651 points. Dartmouth was third with 648.

standout Lowell Bailey won the 10-K freestyle while Ryan Foster was fourth and Anders Osthus was 14th.

Saturday's GS races (two GS events were run to make up for an earlier carnival when two slaloms were run) also had a decided Catamount flavor.

Kingsbury continued her unbelievable season with another victory, with McFetridge second and

Mascolino fourth. On the men's side, Vermont also finished 1-2-4, with Knittle winning, Kennison second and Cochran fourth.

In the classical Nordic races, Anja Jokela skied a terrific third leg to propel the women's 3-by-5-K relay team that also included Gray and Klemp to victory, nipping Dartmouth by eight seconds. The men's relay of Foster, Bailey and Jordi St. John finished second.

Vermont is at the EISA Championships this weekend at Middlebury, where the Catamounts will go for an unprecedented 28th straight Eastern title.

-SportsInfo

Men's Tennis Wins Two of Three

In men's tennis, Vermont held on to top the defending conference champion Hartford in a tight America East battle, 4-3, on Friday evening.

The key to the win for UVM was besting the Hawks in four of the six singles matches. Zeljko Knezevic, Matt

Spring, Griffin Maloney and Jon Cooper all pick up victories in singles action. The duo of Tom Whittaker and Maloney won Vermont's lone match in doubles play.

Then on Saturday the men defeated Fairleigh Dickinson 5-2. The win marks the

Catamounts 4th win in a row. UVM won 4 of 6 singles matches, and took 2 out of 3 in doubles play. Highlights for the Catamounts again included wins by Zeljko Knezevic, Matt Spring, Griffin Maloney, and Jon Cooper in singles play, and the duos of Cooper/Knezevic and Tom Whittaker/Maloney won took their matches in doubles play.

For the third match of the weekend, Marist College visited the UVM Tennis Facility to take on the very hot Catamounts.

Unfortunately, Marist blanked the Catamounts, winning 7-0. Vermont's next match is at Sacred Heart on Friday, February 21st, at 5 p.m.

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Gymnastics Team Stays Strong

By BECKY JONES

The new club status of the Catamount's Gymnastics Team hasn't held them back from continuing to put on a good performance. Going into their first year as a club sport, the previous varsity team is still as strong as ever.

With their first meet at the University of Bridgeport, Jeannette Brooks lead the Catamounts with an amazing vault, scoring a 9.425 and placing first in the event.

She continued her performance onto the floor scoring a 9.00, and the team high of an 8.6 on bars. Other outstanding scores came from Erla Magnusson on vault with a 9.375, Kara Tighe and April Stein on beam with a 9.10 and 8.9. The first meet seemed

merely a warm up for the women who had an amazing win against Syracuse this past weekend.

The Vaulting squad started off strong with the top three scores of a 9.00, 9.10, 9.30 from Erla Magnusson, Camie Burmester and Jeannette Brooks.

You would have never known that Bars was one of the weak events for the Lady Cats, with their top scores all being 9.00 or higher. Brooks and Heather Boepple both scored 9.00's and Magnusson and Burmester came through again with 9.10 and 9.45.

With the meet well on its way, the Cat's furthered their win with an outstanding Beam performance.

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Johann Liljengren and the Vermont Men's Tennis team won two of their three matches this weekend. Photo Courtesy of SportsInfo

Women's Hockey Drops Two

The Colgate Raiders scored a goal in each period and goaltender Rebecca Lahar posted the shutout in a 3-0 win over Vermont in ECAC Women's Ice Hockey action Saturday at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Colgate, 11-16-0 overall and 3-8-0 in ECAC play, scored its first goal late in the first period as Maura Kehoe slid one past Vermont goaltender Tiffany Hayes at 19:28. Micki King assisted on the goal, passing the puck to Kehoe to the left of the slot.

The Raiders made it 2-0 late in the second period when Kara Bachman beat Hayes with a wrist shot at 19:56. Kristy MacDonald and Kristin Cirbus assisted on the goal, passing the puck to Bachman to the right of the slot.

Despite numerous scoring opportunities for the Catamounts, the Raiders carried the momentum and sealed the victory with their third goal of the game.

Chelsy Rhodes fired the puck past Hayes at 3:33 with Carly McNaughton and Cheryl Setchell assisting on the goal.

Hayes finished the afternoon with 33 saves in the Vermont net, while Lahar registered 23 saves for Colgate.

The Cats then took on eighth place Cornell on Saturday at the Gutt. Senior Lindsay Murao scored one goal, and handed out two assists to lead the Big Red to a 4-2 win.

Vermont got on the board first as senior Rebecca Gódsill scored her first goal of the year off of assists by Caitlin Barnes and Katie Gannon at 1:43 of the first period. Cornell (4-16-1; 2-9-1) responded with four unanswered goals in the first and second period to take a 4-1 lead over the Catamounts.

Vermont tried to come back as Caitlin Barnes scored a power play goal late in the third period, but it wasn't enough for the Cats to overcome Cornell.

Tiffany Hayes made 43 saves on the day in the Vermont net, while Cornell's Sanya Sandahl had 37 saves for the Big Red.

Vermont (3-21-2, 0-11-1) returns home to face St. Lawrence on February 22nd and 23rd. Both games begin at 2:00p.m. at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

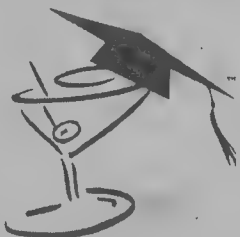
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Tiffany Hayes made 76 saves this weekend but the cats couldn't get a win despite their best efforts. Photo Courtesy of SportsInfo

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Men's Hockey Sweeps Clarkson and St. Lawrence at Home



Anna Caputo/VC Staff

The Cats line up and prepare for a big game against Clarkson on Friday night.



Anna Caputo/VC Staff

John Longo takes the draw for Vermont in the Cats' win over St. Lawrence on Saturday.

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Editor

The Vermont Men's Hockey Team had its first ECAC weekend sweep at the Gutt since November 17th and 18th, 2000, when Princeton and Yale both left Vermont disappointed.

The Cats took on Clarkson on Friday night and St. Lawrence on Saturday night and came out victorious as they continue to battle for a bid for home ice in the first round of the ECAC playoffs.

Friday night's game was an exciting one to say the least. Vermont's first goal came from freshman standout defenseman Jaime Sifers about eight minutes into the first period on the power play.

After skillfully working the puck around the zone, Sifers took a slap shot from the point that trickled in after deflecting off of a Clarkson defender.

The goal was Sifers' second of the season, both of those goals coming during power plays.

A little more than two minutes later, Clarkson's Jay

LaTulippe beat Vermont goalie Shawn Conschafter with a nice one-timer after a feed from Kevin O'Flaherty.

The Cats were able to recapture the one-goal lead only three minutes later when Vermont sophomore Scott Mifsud fed a breakaway pass from his knees to freshman Jeff Corey who skated the puck in and put it between the legs of Clarkson freshman netminder Dustin Traylen.

Vermont regained the lead only 3:10 into the second period when

Catamount captain Thomas Hajek got his third of the season after a great pass from senior assistant captain Ryan Miller out of the corner and excellent work by junior Jeff Miles.

Clarkson then made it 3-2 with about 14 minutes left with a weak wrist shot from senior Jean Desrochers in the slot that barely beat Conschafter.

Vermont scored two more

goals in the period, one coming from John Longo, who banged home the rebound after Miles took a shot that bounced off the leg pads of Traylen.

Vermont's fifth goal on the night came from sophomore Brady Leisenring, who has had an outstanding season with ten goals and 13 assists.

Clarkson then scored a shorthanded goal in the third to make it 5-3 with 13 minutes left. Miles answered right back with his third point of the night, putting one past Clarkson's

Mike Walsh, who came in to tend goal for the third period.

Conschafter had 23 saves on the night and came up with quite a few huge saves to help Vermont keep the lead over Clarkson.

Commenting on the great goal-scoring for Vermont Conschafter said, "It's good to get some goal support and when they come, they come in bunches."

Conschafter came up big on

Conschafter blanked the Golden Knights in the second and third periods and had 18 saves, 10 of those coming in the third period.

Saturday night as well when the Cats took on St. Lawrence.

The game was definitely a battle of the goaltenders, with Clarkson keeper Kevin Ackley making 17 saves in the second period alone, with 34 for the night. Ackley really kept the game close for St. Lawrence, stopping a lot of amazing efforts by the Cats.

Conschafter blanked the Golden Knights in the second and third periods and had 18 saves, 10 of those coming in the third period.

The only goal that Clarkson had came 12 seconds into a power play in the first period only 37 seconds after Vermont's John Longo beat Ackley from the top of the crease, converting a great pass from Miles.

The Clarkson goal was a weak shot from freshman John Zeiler from the slot that got deflected in off of the defense and barely beat Conschafter in the bottom corner of the net.

The game winning goal was scored by sophomore Tim Plant with only 6:24 left in the third

period. Brady Leisenring took a nice shot from the outside that Ackley put right back out to the top of the crease and Plant was able to bang home the rebound, his third game-winner of the year.

After the game, Plant commented on the goal, giving much credit to Leisenring; "Brady made a great play, putting a hard shot in from the outside, I was just in the right place at the right time."

The goal that made the final margin came with only ten seconds left in the game when Scott Mifsud, who had a great weekend, put the puck in the empty Clarkson net from his knees from inside the Vermont zone.

"I thought we played six real good periods of hockey." Said Vermont coach Mike Gilligan. "In the end, they (St. Lawrence) made a good charge. I thought we had the edge in play most of the game"

The Cats take on Brown and Harvard this weekend on Friday and Saturday night at the Gutt.

Vermont Finishes Third at UNH

Women's Track

University of Vermont sophomore Anne Morrison broke her own school record in the pole vault at a four-team meet at the University of New Hampshire Saturday.

Morrison broke her own record in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 11-feet, 6-inches.

The height also is an ECAC qualifying height for Morrison, who owns both the indoor and outdoor pole vault records and is one of the top pole vaulters in New England.

Sara Lovell was a double winner for the Catamounts, taking first place in the shot put (44-4-1/4) and the 20-pound weight (51-3/4). Her shot-put effort was good enough to qualify her for the ECAC

Championships.

Other highlights included: junior captain Tee Gingras finishing third in the 800 meters (2:19.10); Cheryl Miller finishing second in the weight (45-9) and third in the shot put (39-5-1/4); freshman Maria Hanerfeld placing second in the 55-meter hurdles (8.91); Erin O'Grady, second in the 200 (27.70) and third in the 400 (1:02.95); Michele Palmer, second in the 1,500 (4:45.97) and fourth in the 1,000 (3:07.88); and Marge Bolton, second in the 3,000 in a personal-best time of 10:36.94.

Vermont finished third out of four teams with 91 points. The Catamounts compete in the America East Championships this weekend at Boston University.

-SportsInfo

Operation: Valentine's Day for Sports Fans

By BRETT WEIR
West Coast Cynic Sports Analyst

In a recent conversation with a colleague of mine a subject was brought up that brought fear into his eyes and made him break out in a cold sweat.

This conversation had nothing to do with Sammy Hagar trying to do another album with Van Halen but it was all about Valentine's Day.

I watched my friend curl up into a ball and start to pull his hair out which gave me the idea to make readers and sports fans aware of how they can survive the dreaded day.

First, since V-Day falls on a Friday this year, it opens up a world of potential for date locations.

Take that special someone to a hockey game where crowd, mud and wooden benches of Gutterson Arena set the romantic

mood by itself.

This is a perfect excuse so you can see the game and act like it is intended to be a fun date.

What to wear though? Is what you are asking yourself all week long.

Make sure you remember to politely decline when your roommate asks you if you want to join him in spelling C-O-N-S-C-H-A-F-T-E-R across his bare chest with his other friends. Come to think of it, just make sure to go to the game fully clothed.

Now that you are at the game itself, talk to her and impress her with your overflowing wealth of knowledge about hockey.

Let her ask you questions such as, "What's icing?" but avoid responses like, "What are you, stupid?"

You get halfway through the game and realize that a good date

is not complete without dinner. This is where the snack counter comes into play.

Ask her what she wants and she will definitely pause for a long time in indecision. She will tell you to surprise her. This is obviously a test.

If you come back with nothing but a pretzel for yourself saying, "They didn't have anything low-fat," you will fail miserably. Maybe the hockey game isn't for you so a restaurant might be nice.

This takes some research though, which also means PLANNING AHEAD (breathe deep). Go to a potential dining location (that doesn't include the name Simpson, Harris-Millis or Cook Commons) and make sure it has many televisions in plain sight of most tables you might sit at.

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Celebrating 120 Years

Friends Of The Music Bring Indian Tradition To Vermont

By FAITH HALE
Cynic Staff Writer

What's hotter than curry? Master of the Indian sarod George Ruckert is, and he's coming to campus on Saturday, March 1st.

The hypnotic rhythms of the sarod will be accompanied by the Tabla (hand drums) played by New England's own Jerry Leake.

The show is brought to campus by The Friends Of Indian Music and Dance (FIMD).

Now in their tenth season, FIMD has begun to successfully integrate some Indian culture into Vermont.

FIMD has been responsible for organizing many concerts featuring prominent Indian musicians

such as Anoushka Shankar, daughter of master sitar player Ravi Shankar, and singer Tripti Mukerjee. FIMD wishes to expose Burlington to the Indian culture, a culture whose traditions are older and more strongly rooted than those of much of the world.

The next event produced by FIMD is a show by Kathak dancer Fachna Ramya Agrawal, which will be held in the Recital Hall on Saturday, April 19th at 7:30.

The well-rounded Ruckert has far more to show than being a master of the sarod. He not only performs but teaches, composes, and has written four, published books on the classical music of Northern India.

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A group of eighth-grade students from Boston recently got a chance to visit the University of Vermont last Wednesday.

Volunteers from around UVM helped to welcome the students and make their stay a pleasant one.

Dustin Sigler/VC Staff



High Concert Ticket Prices Common Gripe Among Some UVM Students

By JULIAN BRIZZI
Cynic Staff Writer

Claypool? Rock on! J-5? Rock on! Lou Reed? Rock on! Anywhere from between twenty-five to fifty dollars for a show at your school?

It would seem this does not rock nearly as hard. "We should be getting a bigger discount as students because our student

organizations are putting the shows on for us," says Sophomore Rosie Fischer.

Higher Ground shows cost an average of ten to twenty dollars a ticket, less than that of the average concert at UVM, which, depending on act or venue could very easily be twice as expensive, or more.

Take the upcoming Lou Reed

performance for example, which tickets are between 39 and 49 dollars.

Many other students, experienced a bit of mania last week, finding out firstly that the member of the Velvet Underground was coming here to UVM, and then realizing that it would cost a significant portion of money.

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Chirac Leads Opposition To Bush-Lead Iraq War Effort

By CARLY BALDWIN
Cynic Staff Writer

As of Wednesday Jan. 22nd, France and Germany have officially declared their opposition to a US attack against Iraq.

The current French president Jacques Chirac announced that it should be the United Nations

Security Council, not the US, to instigate any military force on Iraq.

Germany's chancellor Gerhard Schröder supported Chirac's statement and both nations believe that an Iraq attack should be made only after UN

weapons inspectors report definite evidence of nuclear weapons.

Chirac said recently in Paris, "For us, war is always the proof of failure and the worst of solutions, so everything must be done to avoid it."

Along with China and Russia, France has also demanded that the UN weapons inspectors be given more time to complete their search in Iraq before military action of any type occurs.

International News

Currently, NATO is reeling from France and Germany's cautious, dove-like position. Much to the chagrin of the US, France, Germany and Belgium vetoed a US request last week that NATO protect Turkey against a possible Iraq attack.

Russia soon joined France and Germany's call for more thorough and lengthier weapons inspections in Iraq.

While both France and Germany insist that their position on this possible war is unwavering, officials predict that

Germany will most likely back down and side with a war-eager US.

For the meantime, however, the actions of France, Germany and Russia have only strengthened the anti-war movement across the world.

Chirac echoed the sentiments of thousands, as he stated, "Nothing today justifies a war. This region really does not need another war."

'For us, war is always the proof of failure and the worst of solutions, so everything must be done to avoid it.'

-Jacques Chirac
French President on current situation with Iraq

Vermont Governor Dean Seeks Democratic Nomination For President

By JEFF HASTINGS
Cynic Staff Writer

Ex-Vermont Governor Howard Dean is trying to make a name for himself around the country during his full-time campaign for the presidency.

Right now, though, he first has to become the Democratic Party's nominee. Dean is one of seven (and the number is still growing) candidates for the Democratic nomination in the 2004 presidential election who spoke at the Democratic National Convention last Friday and Saturday.

Although Dean's name recognition across the country is much less than other candidates (especially ex-vice-presidential nominee Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Conn. and the Rev. Al Sharpton), Dean set himself apart with his 10 minute speech to the Democratic Party.

According to the Washington Post, "Dean's fiery and unabashedly liberal message drew the most enthusiastic response from an audience demoralized by Democratic loss-

es in the 2002 elections and eager to hear their top elected officials and prospective candidates challenge the president and defend the party's core values."

The Democratic Party's nominee will not be finalized until a year from March, but this early media coverage is essential if Dean is to win.

So far the media has reacted extremely well to this "long shot".

In a five page story completely about Dean in the popular online magazine Salon.com, Dean has "set himself apart not only from the bland, cautious

Democratic bench of presidential wannabes, but from the bland, cautious Democratic Party in general."

This past weekend Dean

stepped to the forefront of the nominees. While other nominees like former House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt (Mo.) took cheap shots at President Bush saying, "[Bush] came in second in the election and still figured out how to get in the Oval Office." Dean's criticism of the current administration seemed more relevant to current issues facing the country.

It seems as if ex-Vermont Governor Howard Dean will need as much media coverage as possible to win the Dem. Party nomination



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It's All Good

Contrary to popular belief, good things do occur at our University.

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For example, we have incredibly nice and intelligent professors.

People from all walks of UVM life hold doors for everyone in sight.

When you are stuck at the crosswalk with a bunch of people, you know you'll all become fast friends in the midst of becoming roadkill.

Fortune is ours for our kindly and unendingly willing housekeeping staff that never complains about any aspect of their job.

We are blessed for such things as never having to think twice about where our toilet paper will come from or from where our handsoap will hail.

Students in other countries would welcome the opportunity to even question when they will again receive toilet paper as implicit therein is the reference point of once hving had toilet paper.

We never have to fret over our supply of toilet paper because there is never the prospect of not having more nearly as soon as we run out.

Granted, it is unrealistic to think that we should constantly turn over and over in our minds the very particulars of our bathroom comforts, but, it is equally unrealistic to think that everyone has such luxury.

Further, we have much greater luxury by means of the education we receive. Why are we afforded such luxury while other

people are not?

Do we ever stop to think of that?

Rarely.

Again, the reason we know what to complain about is because we have known better or, at least, it is realistic to think that we can and will know better.

We delight at the prospect of picking apart the really rather great present and future unfolding before us.

Why?

Because we can.

Because that luxury is ours.

We scoff at the best.

We never have to ponder what life would be like if our current conditions were unfathomably and unrealistically horrible to the point where we would rejoice at the notion of our very running water.

We are blessed, and we know not what we do.

We know not what we are turning our noses up at.

Lucky us.

Yet might we rally around our good fortune?

Never.

We are far too fortunate ever to be satisfied with the status quo.

And may we never have the reference point of being deprived of such necessities as the toilet paper to serve as the housekeeping staff we currently take for granted.

May we never be subjected to the living conditions that are our oppressed contemporaries.

I would hesitate to say bredren because they are a hell of a lot more grateful than we will ever be.

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-To UVM TV for taking the time to carefully evaluate what we want to see. You people are mad astute and attentive to the needs of the people anxiously awaiting visual stimuli.

-To Howard Dean for having the chutzpah and temerity to represent our fine, free-flowing syrup of a state. You rule, Dude.

-To Medeski Martin and Wood. Enough said.

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-To abercrombie for promoting premature sexuality by selling thongs to its constituents.

-To the cold rain and snow creating extremely dangerous road conditions.

-To the people who wear very little clothing in an effort to be funny yet torture their bodies. Isn't that veird?

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At a Loss for Words

To the Editor:

I am in a state of disbelief after reading "Pharmaceutical Drug Abuse On UVM Campus," an article that appeared in the Feb. 18 issue of the Cynic.

The article failed to give reasons for the problem, health consequences of pharmie abuse, legal consequences of pharmie abuse, the affects pharmie abuse has had on UVM, or steps being taken to correct the problem.

However, the article was successful in telling students how to get pharmies, where to get pharmies, the price of pharmies, the positive affects of pharmies, which pharmies are better than others, good ways to use pharmies, bad ways to use pharmies, and specific reasons to use specific pharmies.

On top of that the article suggests that learning disabilities such as ADD do not exist, and it also insinuates that students who have been diagnosed with such learning disabilities and prescribed drugs to help correct such disabilities are nothing more than socially acceptable drug users or drug dealers.

The article demonstrated a lack of responsibility by the writer, and it called into question the credibility of the Cynic as a whole.

I think I can speak for the student body when I say that we expect more from the Cynic in the future.

Thank you very much.

Greg Hoffman
Class of 2004

Nationalism Universal

To the Editor:

I am currently on a semester abroad in Dublin and last weekend I saw something that really disturbed me.

During an anti-war protest of 100,000 people, the only person that tried to turn it into an anti-American protest was the sort of person I've gotten used to seeing at UVM in my three years there...dirty, dreadlocked hippie from America.

He climbed up a street sign and attempted unsuccessfully to burn an American flag.

I would like to say that I am in favor

of U.S. intervention in Iraq, but I have no problem with people voicing their opinions.

But for this kid who is clearly very privileged to be studying abroad in Ireland to attempt to destroy the flag of the country that produced him points to the ignorance of some people.

Do they not realize that it is that flag that was fought under that gives them the ability to protest?

Apparently not.

David Montegari
Class of 2004

Pharmies Not What the Doctor Ordered

To the Editor:

No sh*t! UVMers are using drugs?

You're kidding.

Just what is this article supposed to provide us with, besides information on where, how and for how much money these drugs are available?

This article, along with previous articles on drug abuse, focuses on what students use drugs for, where they get them and why they like them.

These are not informative articles; they are advertisements laced with outrageous hyperboles.

Articles like this one are not helping anyone.

Obviously, the article is biased toward what it considers exciting information.

Did any of the interviewed students

say they didn't use pharmaceutical drugs or didn't know people who used drugs like this?

"Pain killers and stimulants are more widespread on UVM's campus than dreads, say most students."

Who are most students?

And we don't all have dreads.

This article aims to mention and contribute to every possible negative stereotype of UVM students, which is exactly what this campus doesn't need.

Seriously, can we please try to get the drug of the month off the front cover?

The news that some UVM students are using drugs is not all that exciting or surprising.

Rachel Brown
Class of 2005

Fogel's Vision Unclear

To the Editor:

Why, oh why, wouldn't anyone be satisfied with the physical plant of UVM (it's beautiful), and the surrounding city (also beautiful)?

It would be a travesty to put more businesses on campus as these would only hurt downtown businesses, especially locally-owned small enterprises such as hair salons.

Furthermore, is it really necessary to

put fast food on campus?

How is this good for anyone?

Let our kids get an education in the beautiful environs that already surround the campus and the city.

If President Fogel wants to improve anything, he should make certain it's the quality of the education.

M. Troiano
New Windsor, New York

The Cynic doesn't take no for an answer. Live in fear, or join up. Oh, you're not afraid? Yeah, ha, I wouldn't be, either. Still, though, come and write! Puh-lease? Oh, man! All ya needta do is show up at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the basement of Billings. Why not? No, the Marche does not close at 5 p.m.!

Lead and Learn

To the Editor:

I am writing to invite all students to apply for the director of programs/director of council position for Volunteers In Action (VIA), an organization on campus consisting of 20 different volunteer programs and over 35 dedicated coordinators.

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Applications are located in the VIA office (next door to SGA) and are due Wednesday, March 12.

There are also several coordinator positions that we are looking to fill for the 2003-2004 school year, so if interested, check out www.uvm.edu/~service or stop by VIA!

Thanks :)

Maren Spitz
Class of 2003

Free to Be

To The Editor:

As the President of Free To Be, UVM's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance (GLBTA), I have been an active member of the LGBT minor committee.

In creating a much-needed LGBT minor, I hope to, in part, begin making LGBT issues and concerns more widely known and more commonly discussed across our campus.

I believe it is generally assumed that the UVM campus is very safe and inclusive.

And, for the most part, this is true.

However, students should all be aware that many of us in the LGBT community do not always feel safe.

By taking a look at the list of reported bias incidents at www.uvm.edu/~aaeol/incidents2.html, it is clear that LGBT students are the most targeted.

Out of the total of 21 reported bias incidents in the past year, 17 were on the basis of sexual orientation.

These incidents range from the words "kill queers" on a poster outside of Bailey/Howe to a UVM student who received a phone call in his/her dorm room from an unidentified female who stated "You sound pretty faggy. Do you do guys up the ass?"

LGBT issues need to be addressed both within and outside of the classroom.

We need an LGBT minor and, eventually, a major.

We need this campus to be a safe space for all students and we need allies.

Please contact free2b@zoo.uvm.edu for more information on the minor or on building a safe community by being a strong ally.

Caitlin Daniel-McCarter
Class of 2004

Talk Is Cheap

To the Editor:

In response to last week's article by Kristin Dobbs, entitled "Read Our Lips: No New Tactics," I would like to agree; the majority of students at UVM do not exercise their first amendment rights like our friends at the Cynic.

However, I do not believe that blame can be placed on the Student Government Association, which is comprised of 40 full-time students that try to listen to nearly 8,000 students at UVM.

The SGA's constituents, every undergraduate here at the university, are encouraged to voice their opinions to us, and the lines of communication have widened in the past year with new publications, a new section in the Cynic and all-student emails.

It is certainly ridiculous to think that the SGA knows what every student wants on this campus, but in order for us not to lay silent to the ears of the administration, we make educated decisions about what the students do in fact want.

I would venture to guess that our voice is not silenced at all; it is as loud as it has ever been, but it is reaching ears that do not necessarily wish to listen.

Recently the SGA did speak out regarding the Honors College proposal, asking that more time be put into the planning; despite the effort, it seems that the administration is going forward.

We are also in the midst of a battle to gain Recreational Sports space within the Trinity gymnasium.

Currently, UVM students stand to lose this prime location to offices for the College of Education, and were it not for the SGA, such a plan could be instituted entirely without effective student notification.

If you walk around campus, the SGA's efforts can be seen in the newly installed blue lights and in the ability to go to the library at 3 a.m. Monday and use the Cyber Café which is now open 24 hours a day, Sunday through Wednesday.

The list of accomplishments goes on.

To say that our voice is silent I believe is false; I assure you that we are looking out for the wellbeing of every student here at UVM.

In order for us to continue doing our jobs, I implore all students, passive or involved, to exercise your rights and let us know: what are your concerns with UVM?

The Student Government Association always has its doors open for everybody to come in and speak their minds, and we extend an open invitation to all of you to come to our senate meetings at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights in Marsh Lounge, Billings 3rd floor.

Concerns can also be sent to tixmeoff@zoo.uvm.edu.

Thank you.

Joseph Thibault
Class of 2004
Student Activities Chair of UVM
Student Government Association

Lafayette Lives

To the Editor:

After a long time, I have finally summoned up the courage to draw attention to a particular matter.

A specific matter the majority of our community will undoubtedly find just slightly esoteric.

On our University Green reside two statues of dead, white, male revolutionaries: Ira Allen and the Marquis de Lafayette.

Surprisingly, a vast amount of UVM students are ignorant of the fact that we have this statue.

This priceless statue, at that.

This statue of Lafayette, hanging out at the southern end of the green.

This often forgotten UVM artifact predates that of Ira Allen by some years.

Lafayette was set on the main green in 1883 and Ira in 1921.

Prior to Ira Allen's arrival, Lafayette reigned supreme in the middle of our green.

His residence was made possible by the donations of a lunatic New York millionaire who was obsessed with the failed businessman (I'm speaking of Ira Allen) and bequeathed a great deal of cash to UVM.

His current residence, however, is attributable perhaps to a Yankee melange of French and Catholic biases.

Biases that may have pushed old Lafayette to the southern extremities of campus.

Then again, perhaps his relocation was just convenient and pleased the man donating Ira Allen's statue.

It really does not matter anymore.

What does matter is that today we push for a change in the placement of Lafayette's statue.

Regarding Lafayette's statue, we are talking about a foreigner who fought for American independence and placed the cornerstone for the original Old Mill here.

Therefore, it should be put someplace where people can see him and know he exists.

Right now the statue might as well be melted down.

I doubt many would notice the difference.

Let's do something about it.

Let's give the statue a position of importance.

A position where students, prospective students, parents and the community can see this excellent display of late nineteenth-century craftsmanship.

Now, it is obviously impossible to put Lafayette back at the heart of the green.

I'm not asking that.

But can't we find someplace better?

Can't we designate a location more visible for this important part of UVM history?

Michael Mulvey
Class of 2003

Get It? Got It? Good.

This opinion directs itself specifically toward people incensed by what is published in the news section. The Cynic's affiliation to the school rests in its devotion to covering University related events and activities. Opinions are inescapable, and having to apologize for their persistence does not give credit to the rag. It is our duty to slant the articles in favor of the student body which it speaks for better than its 'elected' officials in the SGA.

There is legitimacy in our bias. Is it not our journalistic duty to be the watchdog of the administration? If writers feel legitimate concern over University policy, I fully stand behind their right to counter what the administration has put their own bias into. Messages from the Broadcast Center present facts bent by the prism of University vision, so it is the Cynic's job to refract this light by imposing a student-voiced mirror before it reaches its audience.

The light from this mirror is not perfect, but it at least presents a view different from the school's, encouraging dialogical thinking about the direction the school is headed in. Higher learning encompasses varied learning especially when based in genuine perturbation at policy decisions. It is because we love the school that we criticize it.

The Cynic should not be held to a standard of sterility imposed by the angry writings of concerned readers worried about the journalistic integrity of the sole student publication on campus. It is difficult to imagine a piece of writing that is not tweaked with the stigmatized notion of personal bias.

As a final plea, note to the very name of this newspaper. The CYNIC cannot be expected to abandon its namesake in favor of flat facts and dry journalism.

News Editor Robert Anselme Walker is a member of the Class of 2006.



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Increase the Peace

On March 5, the UVM campus will be joining colleges and high schools around the nation and the world in protest of Bush's war.

The National Youth and Student Peace Coalition (NYSPC) is calling upon campuses across America to join a 'The anti-war movement is growing...February 15, cit-

izens on every continent protested the war in Iraq. This was the first time in the history of humanity that so many people united globally on a single cause.' UVM's day of action will include teach-ins and workshops, an anti-war rally and a panel discussion about the war.

Teach-ins and workshops will be on various topics such as the environmental impact of war, economic alternatives and the constructive analysis of the proposed war.

Highlighted speakers include Cindy Milstein and Arthur Foelsche of the Institute for Social Ecology, Jason Ford and Brendan O'Neill of Action for Community and Ecology in Regions of Central America and UVM professors Luis Vivanco (anthropology), Will Miller (philosophy) and John Todd (natural resources).

The anti-war movement is growing globally.

February 15, citizens on every continent protested the war in Iraq.

An estimated 11 million people took to the streets to say no to the war.

This was the first time in the history of humanity that so many people united globally on a single cause.

"Today, protestors have matched that level of fervor [reference to Vietnam anti-war movement] before the war has started.

Our antiwar moment has come close to bringing a giant to its knees.

Even if we do not succeed this time with Iraq, the human connections that are being made in this moment will be a powerful force for positive change in the future" (Naeem Mohaiemen, Daily Star (Bangladesh) 2/19/03).

A war on Iraq would inevitably mean increased suffering for the Iraqi people and the slaughter of countless innocent men, women and children.

War would only increase danger for Americans and the world. Any offensive US military action would encourage terrorist attacks against the US abroad and at home.

Are war and terrorism the way we want to resolve conflict? It is time for the US to set a positive example and end its role in global dominance.

At a time of economic recession and budget

deficit, a war would make it harder to meet local needs for education and other social services.

Low income families are facing decreased access to education* and student debt is increasing**.

All while the US military budget steadily increases***.

March 5 will be an important day for students and citizens of the Earth.

Yet again we will speak out against war and offer alternatives to violence and terror.

Please join us as we demand money for books and not for bombs!

*(College Board reported by Michael A. Fletcher, Washington Post, Dec. 10, 2001, Page A01)

** (Sherschel, Patricia M. USA Group Report. June, 2000)

*** (Deen, Thalif. "U.N. says Nations Reveal Arms Spending - but Spend More." Inter Press Service. Oct. 7, 2002)

Simon Abramson is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2004.

Man, I'm incredibly tired. Clever is not the word as the humor mill has shut down. Hell, it's the morning. More than just the haha machine is out of commission. Can't lure ya with quality jollies no mo.' Cuttin' to th' wild yak chase: do my delirious arse a favor and hit up our meetings at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the basement of Billings. Scooby snacks on me.

This is a joke. Don't take it seriously.

A'ight, ya'll. For real, there are some chumps walkin' amongst us, trying to be like me. Every day, one of my boys comes up to me like, "Yo, I just seen this kid look just like you!", enough so that I needs to take a stand.

To the fool out there who rocks the old school San Diego Padres hat, I wanna see you up in here. To the dude/dudes who look like me (you know who you is), I wanna see you up in this piece, too. Y'all been runnin' around trying to be me for too long.

This school ain't big enough for all of us, and something needs to be done about it. I got my own thing goin' on, ya feel me?

And mugs can't be impersonating all up on me like that, cause it ain't feasible. That's my word.

Two of the same thing can't be in the same place at the same time; there's an explosion an' shit when that happens.

"Time Cop," that bugged out Van Damme movie, taught me that. He had to deal with some fools trying to break off a piece of his pie too, so he broke them.

Just you watch-history gon' repeat itself. At midnight on Sunday, March 2, meet me at the top of the Redstone green.

I'll take on all y'all clone-ass suckas, one after the other, until only one remains. Like Highlander an' sh*t. Y'all can name your duel, too.

Be it water polo, thumb wrestling, rock-em'-sock-em' robots, or just me bitch-slappin' your ass in front of all your homeboys. I promise, you're all gonna look like the chumps that you really is.

Your women will leave you. Your friends will stop talking to you with any respect once it becomes known you're just a cheap knock-off. Even your mamma won't respect you no more.

Especially you, with the hat. I hearda you a buncha times.

"Yo, Julian. There's some kid out there with your same hat! You gonna stand for that?"

My homeboys know I ain't gonna stand for it; that question was

retorical as sh*t on their part. They know I'm gonna bring the ruckus.

Can't nobody wear my gear in this Burlington, Vermont. 'Specially not my hat. I love my hat. I'll ride for my hat. You can't be wearin' my hat, all blatant wit' your disregarding my steeze.

And y'all know my steeze too, that's why your trying to be me. This 2-G plus three right here. This ain't no 1985. ABBA and Public Enemy ain't top of the charts.

People don't rock Padres hats from the mid-80's no more 'cept me, you understand?

You may think I'm playing with you, but I ain't. Keep pushing me, and see what happens.

Yeah, I wanna talk to the dude with the hat. But that don't mean I forgot 'bout the fools that look like me. Don't think you're getting off easy just 'cause you ain't rockin' my hat. We need to chat, too.

Plus, I heard y'all was bitch-es, anyway, from my boys. Not on some "Oh, those guys look/act like you, that sucks," typea bitch-es, like straight up bitches. Chumps. Suckas. Definitely not on my level.

So why you tryin' to bang with me? I ain't request no body double. I wish you ain't started this, but I got no problem solving it. Seriously, I'm 'bout to get imperialist on yo' asses. Some ol' conquering sh*t.

This kinda aggression can't stand. I'ma find y'all suckas. For real. I'ma have y'all on some wearin' dresses sh*t, walking the strip to get my paper.

I'ma take over y'all's lives, destroy you and build an oil pipeline up in yo' sh*t to get my cheddar. I'ma build a Cabot factory on yo' ass. It ain't a game.

Any a y'all ever watch Kung Fu movies? I seen this one where some busta ass fool tried to steal Jackie Chan's fighting style, and take over control of Shaolin temple. They was kinda workin' it,

too. That is, until Jackie showed up.

They was runnin' sh*t while he was gone, all actin' like him, kickin' ass and takin' names.

But once Jackie, the true Kung Fu master, showed up, it was all over for them fools.

He kicked their asses, and took back control of his sh*t. That's what I'ma do.

It's gonna suck for you after Sunday. I promise you that. Your days livin' the high life off my persona are over.

Either find somebody new to be like, or think about who you are, try to figure out what the hell you're doing acting all like somebody else.

I mean, I know I be top dog and all, but can't ya'll get your own persona? I'm big enough to hold this whole spot down, and y'all trying to get a piece of the action? There ain't room, dog, there just ain't room.

If y'all wanna be my mules, runnin' my sh*t like frogger across state lines, I can let you get that. But don't try to be no don when the realness is in effect. I'll end that.

I understand and all if you got no creativity or self-determination; so you could try to leech off of someone else, though it's still bad for your health. You need to get your own flava, your own steelo. Not mine.

That's taken care of. So I'll see y'all on Sunday, a'ight? And all of you who know these bustas, make sure they show their faces on Sunday. If not, recognize them for the foolish bitches they be.

Either way, I'll see y'all around, in your dorm, classroom or at a party. We'll talk. To quote Tupac, who had to deal with fake-ass playa haters biting his style too, "You're too near me not to hear me," ya feel me?

Julian Brizzi is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

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Some Students Find Concert Ticket Prices Exorbitant

Continued From Front

portion of our already-wounded bank accounts.

While the SA concerts office was not available for questions, a Student Affairs representative argued that the lack of funding for student affairs was the reason students were fronted the bill for UVM shows.

Several students, although not fans of the high cost of tickets, understand the schools motivation.

"The ticket prices on UVM campus are a bit expensive at times, but I guess it depends how bad you want to see a good performance", said sophomore Becca Lewis.

For an outsider, this seems a bit out of place in the collegiate setting, however.

Tristan Grew, a former student of Roger Williams

'Forty-thousand seems to be about average for an act, so I wouldn't be surprised if they don't make that much.'

Zach Holtz-
UVM Student

University in Rhode Island, was rather surprised to find UVM would charge so much for a student show.

"At my school, Cypress Hill came for fifteen dollars."

The Student Affairs office, while unable to comment on the cost of bringing an artist such as Lou Reed to UVM, was able to

come up with capacity figures for Ira Allen Chapel, the venue for Reed's upcoming show which is 900.

Assuming, therefore, that the show will be sold out, and that the average ticket price is about forty-five dollars, the amount brought in by UVM for Lou Reed would be around forty thousand dollars.

While several students expressed doubt about the probability that all of that money was necessary, Zach Holtz found

nothing out of the ordinary.

"Forty-thousand seems to be about average for an act, so I wouldn't be surprised if they don't make that much."

The common grumblings across campus resonated with complaints and irritation about the impossibility of seeing Lou Reed for fifty dollars.

One student referred to a Simpson's episode wherein Mr. Burns has robbed concertgoer's blind for admission into "Hullabalooza", a mock music festival.

"This certainly ensures a healthy mix of the rich and the ignorant, sir" claims Smithers, as he and Monty sit watching the crowd of exploited music fans.

Inform yourself, visit SA Comsert's homepage at: <http://www.uvm.edu/~sacon/>

The Cynical Inquisition

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Dustin Sigler

If you could have any super-power you wanted, what would your super-power be?



"Whatever Captain Planet had."
Tyler Jones, 2005



"The ability to make my meal plan last forever."
Ben "Uncle Ben" Sarle, 2006



"To be invisible because I am nosey."
Cait Collins, 2006



"I would be able to fly because I am the bionic woman."
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Governor Dean To Run For President in 2006

Continued From Front

Dean spoke critically of the White House's current national budget, foreign policy and handling of health care.

Unlike the other candidates, he also disapproves of the way the Democratic Party has been dealing with the Republican majority.

'I think [the Democrats have] decided that the way to be popular is to be almost as conservative as President Bush'

Howard Dean-
Governor of Vermont

think [the Democrats have] decided that the way to be popular is to be almost as conservative as President Bush," Dean recently told reporters.

The ex-Vermont Governor exhibits a clear view on all of the major issues facing our country, as can be seen on his campaign's website, Deanforamerica.com.

There he clearly expresses his position on health care, fiscal responsibility, equal rights, education, abortion, gun control and national security.

In his speeches and interviews a few aspects of his history and character continue to come up.

Dean frequently points out that he is a physician and thus has a particular expertise concerning the health care system in the United States.

Also his history as governor of Vermont is continually brought up to illustrate his fiscal, medical, and educational successes.

Possibly most prominent, is his history of fighting for equal rights as can be seen in his popular and controversial stand for civil unions.

It appears to be an uphill battle for Dean but recent history is on his side.

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Dustin Sigler/VC Staff
'It looks like someone overshot the landing!' at the Ski Festival at Sugarbush.

UVM To Be Exposed To Indian Culture, Music By Performances

Continued From Front

Though primarily a solo performer, Ruckert will be sharing the stage with drummer Jerry Leake.

Leake's musical history began as a jazz/fusion drummer in the Chicago suburbs and he has gone on to accompany an entourage of Indian musicians such as, Ali Akbar Khan a renowned sarodist who was teacher to George Ruckert.

"It will be interesting to see these two play together," said

sophomore Colleen Buzby. The combination of Bruckerts traditional yet innovative Indian style and Leake's history with jazz/fusion drumming should make for a captivating performance.

It will be held

Colleen Buzby in the Recital Hall on seeing Leake and Agrawal together building on the Redstone Campus and begins at 7:00

Tickets are available at the door and are \$10 general admission, \$7 for members, and \$5 for students with a student I.D.

Joni Seager To Speak On Women's Role In History

PRESS RELEASE

To Joni Seager, the globe is more a tabula rasa than a sphere of information.

Its meaning is found, she believes, in the lives of the women who populate it, and her research has become an ongoing revelation of that meaning.

Seager, a University Scholar for 2002-2003, will deliver a lecture

on her recent work on Feb. 26 at 3:45 p.m. in Memorial Lounge, Waterman.

Seager, professor of geography, is one of the world's foremost scholars of feminist geography, a rapidly expanding field of research that explores the shape and shift of women's lives across continents and cultures.

In 1997, she and colleague Ann Olson published a groundbreaking book, *The State of Women in the World Atlas*; the third edition, published by Penguin, is due out in April.

In that revision, Seager draws on a vast amount of new global data to explore the key issues facing women today.

They include equality, motherhood, feminism, beauty, culture, work, the global economy, changing households, domestic

violence, time budgets, children, lesbian rights, women in government and more. Seager focuses on women, but not to the exclusion of men and children.

She believes that as women's lives go, so goes their society.

"Wherever you find women who are deprived of basic human rights, you are not going to have great social structures," she says. She also investigates issues

related to environment, human rights, population and the global political economy.

"These topics are intertwined," she says.

"I find that it is the synergy among these separate interests that drives most of my research and teaching..."

Seager also is a member of the Committee on Women, Population and Environment, a coalition of scholars and activists who developed policy platforms for the Cairo conference on population and the Beijing conference on women.

Seager's newest book is *Putting Women in Place: Feminist Geographers Make Sense of the World*, with Mona Domosh.

The Atlas, which also was published in Germany, Norway, Italy, Sweden and France,

Fresh Faces On Campus Actually Those Of Boston Eighth-Graders Taking College Courses

PRESS RELEASE

The biggest storm in seven years didn't stop nearly 100 Boston area eighth graders from traveling to campus Feb. 18 for a three-day taste of academia and college life.

They returned knowing much more about how higher education fits into their futures, as well as how to choose, apply and be accepted to college.

In the second year of this annual visit, which was sponsored by the College of Education and Social Services, the number of students from the Citizen Schools Eighth Grade Academy doubled.

They were hosted by more than 100 UVM students, faculty and staff.

Citizen School Eighth Grade Academy is a non-profit after-school program serving students from 26 middle schools.

Participating youth learn academic and leadership skills and make connections that will help them succeed in high school and college and become leaders in their communities.

The group was founded by UVM alumni Eric Schwarz and Ned Rimer.

(See this story for some background on the group and coverage of last year's visit.)

The visit to UVM is part of the academy's college sampler, which includes Harvard and MIT.

Organizers expect that the trip will have a lasting effect on their impressionable charges.

"I see a number of these students some day graduating from

UVM," academy director John Werner says.

Campus organizers were equally positive about the potential of the growing partnership. "What do we want from this partnership?"

In a few years we want to seem them back on campus as students," Jill Tarule, dean of the college, says.

The other hope for the partnership is that UVM students preparing to become middle-school teachers will intern in Boston in exchange.

"We work hard to make sure our interns get experience in diverse settings so they can teach anywhere in the United States," Tarule says.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week To Be Marked With Events And Activities On Campus

**By SHARON HASS
 A PRESS RELEASE**

UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing's HOPE Team (Help Overcome Problem Eating) is pleased to offer a variety of programs for Eating Disorder Awareness Week from Monday, February 24th through Monday, March 3rd.

Please visit <http://www.uvm.edu/health> to find out more about Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2003 Monday, February 24th: PBS TV WETK Channel 6 at 10PM

Documentary Film Broadcast: Perfect Illusions: Eating Disorders and the Family. Four young women and their struggles with eating disorders and how their families were affected by it.

This will also be broadcast on Tuesday, 2/25 at 2am and 5am. Wednesday, February 26th: A Day Without Mirrors.

In bathrooms all over campus you will see flyers promoting positive body image and self esteem.

If you see a message you like, take it home with you!

Monday, March 1st: Information Table and Life Size, True to Dimensions Barbie Display sponsored by Student Health Promotion Services and SHAG (Student Health Advisory Group) Stop by Billings Cook Commons between 10 and 1 and pick up information about eating disorders, body image and healthy eating habits.

Take the "Eating Attitudes Test"...you can do this anytime at www.uvm.edu/health?Page=EatingScreen.html

received the American Library Association's Outstanding Reference Book of the Year award.

Individuals can complete this in private as a self evaluation and use it as a helpful self awareness tool.

UVM Counseling Center is sponsoring a Body Image and Self Esteem Group.

Call 656-3340 for more information or to join this group.

Are you troubled with your relationship with food or with your body? Join this group if you are...

- always on a diet
- find yourself overeating
- frustrated with body image norms and media portrayals
- concerned about someone you know
- preoccupied or never satisfied with your appearance
- more worried about others expectations than your own
- want to learn ways to better appreciate yourself!

Body Image Dinner Discussions coming soon to your Res Hall?

Talk to your RA to arrange one for your area.

Dinner will be provided along with facilitators for lively discussion on a variety of body image topics.

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Master Selleck,

It's not often that I have the opportunity to address a thespian of your grade. Usually I would have to suffer celebrities of a far lesser caliber (I'm pointing in your direction Nicholas Cage; don't think you're off the hook either, Fred Savage), but not today! Today I address a 1983/84 Emmy winner for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series, Magnum, P.I.

I can't even describe the impact Magnum, P.I. has had on my life. Knowing that Magnum would always be there to save the day got me through a lot of hard times. You might think that a 34 year old divorced unemployed writer wouldn't have much in common with Magnum (Tom Selleck), but I do! I

checked out your fact sheet on E! Online and discovered that you've gone been divorced too. Wife: Jacquelyn Ray Selleck, actress, model; separated 1979, six months before Selleck filmed the Magnum, P.I. pilot; subsequently divorced.

I've been thinking about starting a show like P.I. So far I've written myself in as a crime fighter with a "street-wise" car named Vin Diesel that can talk and think; I wear a leather jacket and talk in "code", while the car speaks Welsh with a German accent, spliced with a little Eubonics to appeal to our projected audience demographic. I've talked to a couple directors who are very enthusiastic about what I've written so far.

I'd offer you a role in this crime fighting show, but I can't think of any crime fighting role you might be able to play. I guess you're not as tough as I thought you were! Now that I think about it, you're not tough at all; at best you're an aging fool with nothing much going on aside from a reoccurring role in Friends, the funniest show ever written! One of my friends said that without a laugh track and moderately attractively

actresses, Friends would be another NBC prime time failure. He also said anyone that watches Friends regularly is a complete moron with no redeeming qualities and should automatically waive their constitutional right to vote. What does he know? He also said Will and Grace is written for single middle aged unmar-

ried women, staring at the beginning of the weekend and the business end of a cheesecake.

He thinks it only perpetuates the feminine, non-threatening homosexual stereotype that has become a mainstay of American entertainment.

I have to go buy some pie crust for a cheesecake, but I hope you write back soon Tom. I'll be waiting, watching. Where you go, I go...

Two in the rink one in the sink,
Nicholas Green

Next Week's Letter:
Michael Jackson

Nicholas Green, aka Nico Detroit, would like to believe that Mary Kate and Ashley actually have "acting ability". He tried to convince himself of this from 5 pm - 11:30 pm last Tuesday night. He was ultimately unsuccessful in convincing himself of this.

Graffiti Art On The UVM Campus

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

Graffiti can be found in many places around the UVM campus, most notably on the walking path from Redstone to Main campus. It was on this path that I began looking for the graffiti of UVM.

As I began walking from Redstone to Main campus I was struck by the seeming lack of conspicuous graffiti. Was this path a haven for graffiti? Most of the graffiti I found, when I could find it, were simple tags lacking any real artistic effort.

Perhaps the most disturbing instance of graffiti I found was in a bathroom in Billings; it was an advertisement, made by a writer known as "The Unicorn", for a news magazine known as the Cinder Kit.

I was heretofore unaware of any such news-magazine present at UVM, until I was informed by an enthusiastic supporter of the said news-magazine. I do not believe the word "disturbing" is inappropriate when describing the tag I found.

As a member of the printed news-media here at UVM, I can accurately call this particular instance of graffiti immoral. Any printed news source should not have to resort to illegal action to promote their organization, partic-

ularly a newly formed news-magazine.

The Case for Immorality

Although I would usually refrain from classifying any kind of art as immoral, I feel this is one example that demands special consideration.

It is the opinion of this writer that any graffiti that advertises any literary publication in the collegiate world is fundamentally immoral. Once any type of literary

in areas of economic stress and decline.

It is made by artists, with few exceptions, without an accepted gallery presence. It is not considered for display in The Guggenheim, The New Museum of Contemporary Art (New York), or even Center Stage: The Living/Learning Gallery.

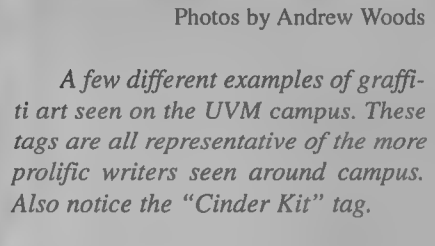
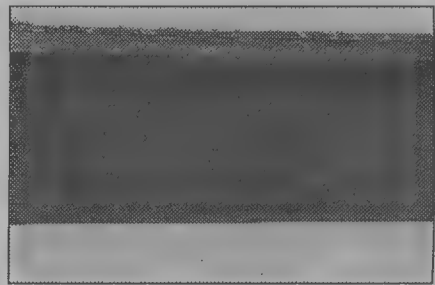
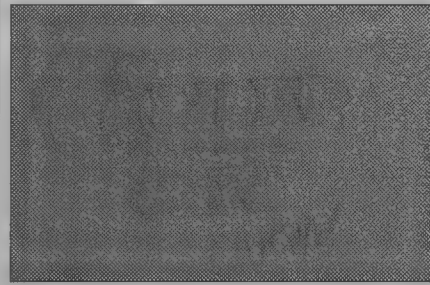
Because of the illegal and rebellious nature of graffiti, many curators usually refrain from exhibiting any representation of graffiti in their galleries.

Although graffiti is an art form that relies on a certain amount of illegality to legitimize its message, it also represents the cutting edge in art and culture.

A graffiti artist can at once give us a reflection of their community culture, while displaying their work

in a public, non-profit setting. There is no inherent desire to sell their art; it exists to fulfill the art aesthetic.

The art seen in MOST galleries comes with accepted and institutionalized baggage. It is sterile and non-dynamic, where graffiti is passionate and constantly changing. To the artists who practice graffiti: keep writing, tagging, and exercising your art form, Burlington needs your voice.



Photos by Andrew Woods

A few different examples of graffiti art seen on the UVM campus. These tags are all representative of the more prolific writers seen around campus. Also notice the "Cinder Kit" tag.

agent at UVM resorts to illegitimate advertisements, they cease to credibly exist (barring the inclusion of illegal acts specific to the mission statement of the organization).

The Case for More Graffiti

Since the 1970's graffiti has become an important medium of expression for a small demographic of urban residents, particularly

UVM Theatre Presents: Bob Durkin's COLE

Bob Durkin returns to The UVM Theatre on the heels of launching a national tour of Barry Manilow's Copacabana, now on a cross-country trip to one hundred cities in seventeen weeks. He's happy to be back. "I love it up here," Durkin says, "and I like what this department strives to do. The dedication of the students is terrific."

COLE is Durkin's third project with The UVM Theatre - he directed the popular shows Anything Goes (1999) and Sweet Charity (2000). Internationally, he's served as associate choreographer to Tommy Tune on Easter Parade starring Tommy Tune and Sandy Duncan (both in Sydney, Australia and in New York City) and he directed and/or choreographed national and international

tours of Big River, Crazy for You, Hello Dolly!, The Goodbye Girl, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, One Mo' Time, Little Shop of Horrors, Anything Goes, Ain't Misbehavin', They're Playing Our Song, Purlie, a n d Unforgettable - The Nat

King Cole Story. He brings his broad range of experience to The UVM Theatre's students, a commitment he makes whenever he works as a Guest Artist on a college campus. "I enjoy watching UVM's faculty train their stu-

dents," Durkin says. "They instill a great sense of work ethic; they give them a sense of 'you're being counted on.' There's a wonderful open-mindedness here."

Durkin is using his years of experience in musical theatre to make sure that, first and foremost, COLE is fun. "No one is better than Cole Porter at the tongue-in-cheek," Durkin says. "He has a great sense of humor that catches his audience off guard."



Photo courtesy of UVM theatre department

COLE is a celebration of the life and music of Cole Porter, one of America's favorite popular music composers. His music is performed thousands of times each year across the country, and the recent Broadway revival of his hit musical Kiss Me, Kate ran for almost 1,000 performances. Over fifty of his most famous songs comprise the fast-paced show at The UVM Theatre.

COLE will be performed on the Royall Tyler stage February 26 through March 9, 2003. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets from \$10 to \$14 are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.uvm.edu/theatre or at (802) 656-2094.

-Press Release

Indian Music Performances

April 19, Saturday, at 7:30 PM, Music Dept. Recital Hall, UVM Rachna Ramya Agrawal,



K a t h a k dance

March 1, Saturday, at 7:00 PM, Music Dept. Recital Hall, UVM George Ruckert, sarod, Jerry Leake, tabla

Tickets are available at the door one hour before the concert begins. Seating is unreserved. Prices are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for FIMD members, \$5 for students with ID.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 19

It's too easy "Cinder Kit". My editor showed me that picture one of your "supporters" put in that bathroom. Bad, lawless "Cinder Kit"! Keep giving me ammo, keep it up...

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

I have an idea: instead of trying to understand why you're so unpopular, just accept it. Here's another idea: Do your job and shut up. I have had enough! Another one: I need you (read your services), now more than ever...

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Hey NASA: I need some

"space juice". No, no, NASA. You drink half of it first, then fill the other half with orange juice. I'll also need a "girl" for the party, emphasis on the "L". Yeah NASA, yeah!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Your voice is incredibly annoying. I can't and won't stand for it. I had to say that. The stars think you'll probably marry the first man/woman you accidentally 'make'. If that ever happens. Thumbs down!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Let me tell you a story: One night Freddy was walking back to his room when he saw Anita. Then he did something bad, very

bad. This 'thing' involved a pound of peanut butter, a soda, and a pair of edible panties. That's right, he made a feast, then he made sure he got 'paid'. He just told me he made that whole story up except for the 'bad thing', Anita, the soda, and the peanut butter. But he said it was still a feast.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I ordered the ruben with a layer of mayonnaise and a smattering of pain. Ooops, I mean violence. Okay, that's not a horoscope, but you're not (fill in the blank with a verb)

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I once saw a man with legs longer than a bridge. He didn't

care what you said to him, so long as he had food in the fridge. He ate till he cried, then he said he wanted something fried. I had a girl back at my place last night, he lied. So what happened they asked, when your pants fell down. It probably smelled so bad she died!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Hey goldie locks, I'm in your sociology class. I sit in the front of the classroom. I'll be wearing a white shirt and a blue hat next class. I've been checking you out for about a semester now. You see me almost everyday. I'm 5'9 and have brown hair. Once I asked you for a pen. Will you marry me?

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

I am gonna maul me a feak tonight. (What does that mean?)

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Here's an excuse for not showing up to gymnastics or swimming practice: I was 'preparing', so I could 'fit' 'into' 'the' 'uniform'.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

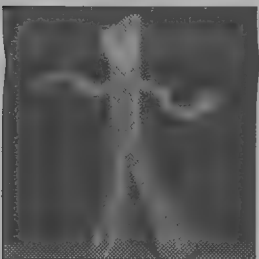
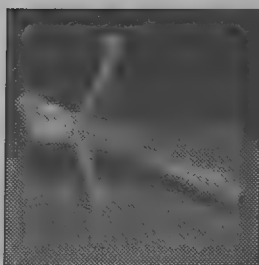
Get out of my way.

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Summer is a time for lovin' and livin' large. Large like a schnauser... You know those dogs with the really short legs that like to dance? Oh wait, that's you. I swear to God.

Gumby Flaunts His B-Boy Acrobatic Skills

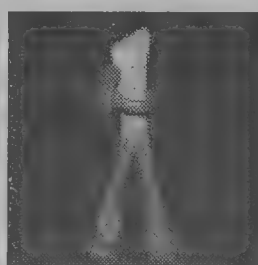


"I'll throw down wherever. No one stops GeeBee from doing what he was made to do. Dig?"

-Gumby



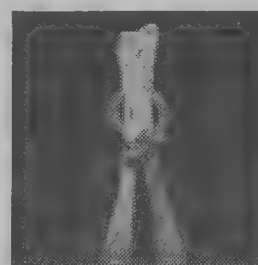
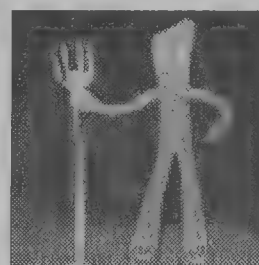
Gumby Fooling Around



"Meet my friend: Disrespectful Gumby. He don't give a damn what you and yours think. He does what he wants, how he wants. Now back to my main point. If we allow 'mixing', we seal our fate, which means the destruction of our way of life. This is the single largest problem facing our people- The Gumbies."

-Gumby

Farmer, Hostage, Paper On Head, Dandruff



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Student Life

THE VERMONT CYNIC, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

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Dear Dr. Schmynic,

I've been happily dating my boyfriend for 10 months now, but every time I have an issue I want to discuss he becomes very guilty. I don't mean to accuse him of anything, I just want him to know

Ask Doctor Schmynic

when something's bothering me. I try talking to him, but he still becomes increasingly whiny and guilty whenever I broach a topic as mundane as leaving the toilet seat up. Any suggestions?

- Clammed up on Campus

Dear Clammed up on Campus,

Doesn't sound like you are too clammed up to me! I can see

your point about trying to reach out to him, but maybe you could try listening to him, because he could feel nagged. Let the little things like the toilet seat being up go and remember to pick the important battles. Good luck!

- Dr. Schmynic

Have a question for Dr. Schmynic? Send it to us at cynic@zoo.uvm.edu

PUZZLE

February 20, 2003

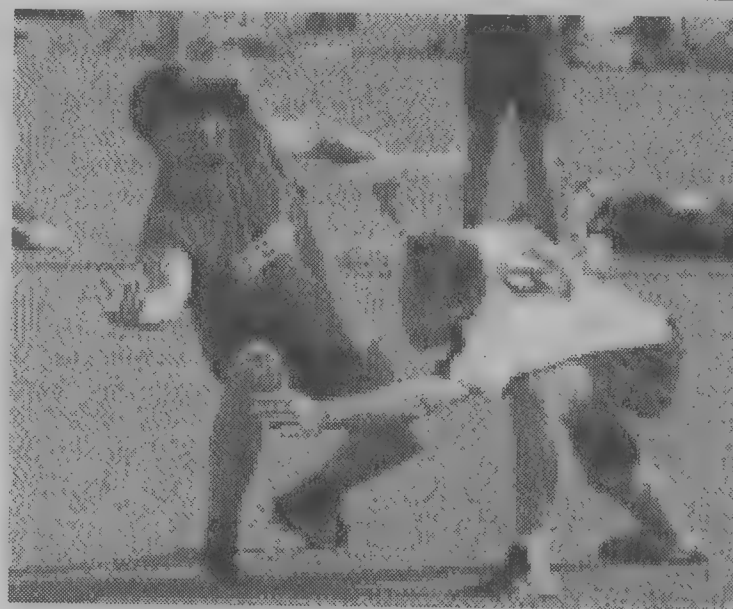
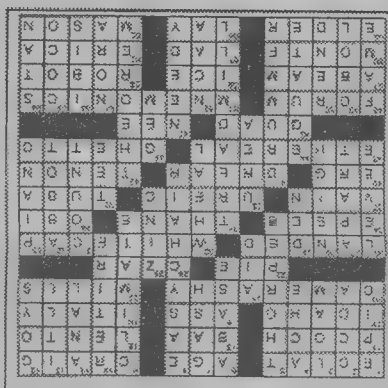
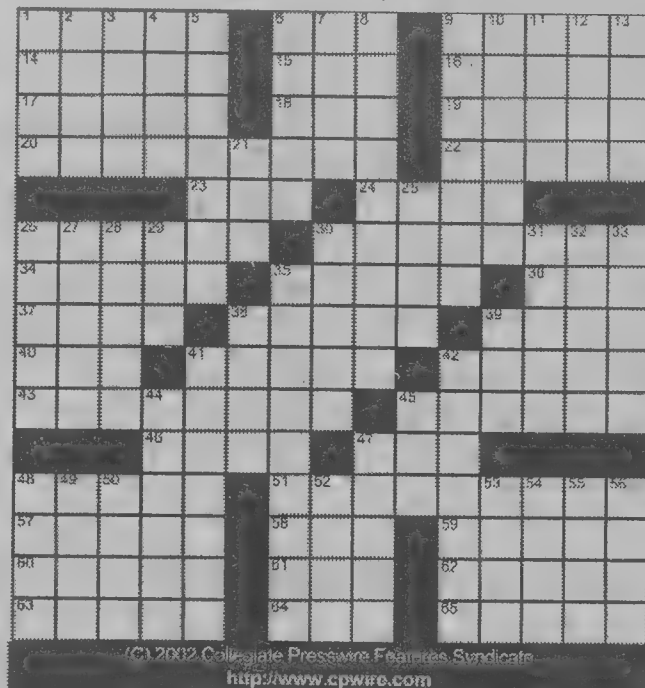
ACROSS

1. Great brilliance
6. Ice or old follower
9. TV's Bangirl
14. Doggie
15. Sheep talk
16. In a slow tempo
17. Gem slate
18. Vain person
19. Versus ad Rima's home
20. Not a "model" quality
22. "Parent Trap" actress
23. Thanksgiving dessert
24. Russian ruler
26. Pilgrims' action at Plymouth
30. Rough wave
34. Fencing sword
35. Scottish lord
36. Kimono sash
37. "You're so..."
38. Containing urea
39. Helicon
40. Unit of work
41. Milton's dismal, gloomy
42. Cog
43. Celestial
45. Jewish city section
46. Court
47. Burn
48. Tribunal
51. Memory improvement system
57. A stud
58. P. Diddy diamonds
59. Droid
60. Carlo
61. Boy
62. Author Jong
63. Dancesort
64. Non-professional
65. Stoneworker

DOWN

1. Saga
2. Finale
3. Silk
4. Pang
5. Handlets
6. Shamus
7. Fear
8. Seat for relaxing
9. Mood
10. Hit the sack
11. Stage in between oral and phallic

12. It will (Contraction)
13. Non-Jews (slang)
21. Help
25. Adamine
26. Formal reception
27. Not together
28. Whimpy
29. Mew
30. Postule
31. Numerate
32. Monastery head
33. Grand or upright
35. Gym device
38. Carbamide
39. Peg
41. Percussionist
42. Rule
44. Laken
45. Jewel
47. Peniless
48. Celebrity
49. Weight of twelve grains
50. Cleave
52. College athletic org.
53. Movie about James Joyce
54. Storklike bird
55. Chancel
56. Eminem hit



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Club Highlight : A Day in the life of Ultimate Frisbee

Commentary

"It's 7:30, everybody up!" said the frisbee captain

"Oh God, my head hurts." said one player. "Actually, everything hurts from sleeping on this sandy wooden floor in my sleeping bag. Maybe if I just lie here, she (the captain) won't make me get up and go play"

"I said get up! We gotta be at the fields in 45 minutes!" said the captain.

Eventually we all manage to wake our tired, sore, sun-burned bodies, put on 3 day old playing clothes, and file outside into the vans. Half asleep, we navigate ourselves over Tybee's salt marshes into downtown Savannah. 30 minutes feels like 5 after the 20 hour van ride we had on Friday.

The sun is up and shining in Savannah and the green grass of Forsyth Park is neatly sectioned into a maze of squares with small orange cones. The whole park is buzzing with hundreds of players warming up, drilling, running, and countless Frisbees slice the air in seemingly random directions.

The anticipation of playing starts to wake me up as I lace up my cleats and our opponents arrive for our first game of the day. After a few jokes about last night, we flip a Frisbee with the other team to determine starting possession, and the game is ready to begin. Seven opponents line up on their end zone line, and seven of us do the same on

our own end zone. I stare at the seven of them, 70 yards away, and anticipation mounts in all of us as we await the Frisbee. There are no referees in this game. Just us, them, 8 cones and disc. Seemingly simple, always fun. That's Ultimate Frisbee.

What's Ultimate Frisbee? Is that with the dogs? Or like 'PCU', yeah, that was a good movie.... These unfortunately common words are painful to any

Ultimate player's ear, to which a firm "NO" will always be the reply. When I try to share an experience like the one above, people are often curious where the dogs and hippies come in.

Far from a doggy sport, Ultimate combines elements of football, soccer, and basketball, and the object is to score by catching a Frisbee in the opponent's end zone (for full rules, check out www.upa.org). Ultimate Frisbee is one of the nation's (and world's!) fastest growing sports, and it's happening right here on campus!

The Ultimate Players Association, or UPA, was founded in 1979, and now has over 15,600 members. There have been World Ultimate Championships happening since 1983, and last year's was held in beautiful Hawaii with 120 teams from 24 countries. UVM's team travels to over 8 tournaments a year to compete against college teams from all over the country, including the tournament in Georgia.

It's a fast, exciting and new sport with a unique sense of sportsmanship and it's a whole lot of fun. Want to get involved? E-mail Frisbee@zoo.uvm.edu, call me at 865-3620, or check out the men's website at www.uvm.edu/~frisbee. Play Ultimate!

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AROUND CAMPUS

Non-Profit Workshop --
PeaceCorps info session
Feb. 25th Tues. 4:30
Career Services L/L E-107

Panel Discussion : Vermont
from Different Perspectives
Thurs. Feb. 27th 12-1:30pm
at 104 Allen House

Film: And All This Madness
-documentary on September 11th
by Walter Ungerer
Wed. Feb. 29th at 6:45
discussion to follow

Film: "Bamboozled" &
"Kakewalk: A UVM
Documentary"
Feb. 27th 6 - 9:30 pm CC theatre

Film & Discussion of
The Pocket by Nick Shumaker
Tues March 4, 2003 7:00-8:45pm
Flynn Museum (Rm. 101)

Catholic Center
Student Bible Study Tuesdays at
9pm
The Rosary - Sundays after the
7pm Mass
- weekly Mass schedule:
Saturday, 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am,
12pm, and 7pm Weekdays at
12:15 Wed night mass at 9pm

- Holy Hour- Friday, Feb 28 from
7-8pm. Join us as we pray for vic-
tims of sexual abuse and other
intentions.

-Association Dinner- Monday,
March 3rd at 6:30 pm. Open to
all!

-Wednesday, March 5th is Ash
Wednesday. Join us for Mass at
12:15 pm or 7pm. A "meager
meal" at 5pm.

- Bowling Night- Thursday, Feb
27th at 7pm.

Christ Church Presbyterian
informal worship followed by
bagels and fellowship
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Intervarsity Christian
Fellowship
Mon, Tues, Wed Nights at 7pm in
February - Bible Study in MAT
Lounge and at the CWP Rotunda

FREE JAZZ!
by the Dept. of Student Life,
UVM Music Dept. and
University Dining Services!
Cook Commons 12:00-1:15
Feb 27th JazzEnsemble/Big Band

L/L Gallery Exhibit:
Paintings by Linda E. Jones
on display from February 17th -
March 13th.

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

Tammy Fletcher and the
Disciples
Sat. March 1st 8 pm
\$8 Club Metronome

Bipedal Radio Lounge
presented by 90.1 WRUV
Every Thursday night @ The
Monkey House WRUV DJs play-
ing lounge, electronic, & trip-hop
from 10pm to close

Medeski, Martin and Wood
with The Yohimbe Brothers fea-
turing Vernon Reid and DJ Logic
Feb. 28, in Patrick Gym tickets
\$17 with UVM ID, \$22 for non-
UVM students by: SA Concerts
SA Concerts:
- *The Voice* March 6th
in Billings @ 8:00pm for free

Karaoke
Rhythm & Brews Coffee House:
L/L FPL 8 - 10 PM

Cole
Music and memories abound in
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Porter presented by Royal Tyler
Theatre - opening Wed. Feb 26th

Friends of Indian Music and
Dance
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Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates!

Come here from SGA candidates!

Bring questions for the candidates!

First debate - Wed. February 26th from 7-10pm in Memorial Lounge

Second debate - Wed. March 5th from 7-10pm in John Dewey Lounge

Indian Sarod, will perform with
the accompaniment of Jerry
Leake playing the Tablas at 7
p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the
Southwick Music Hall

Film: 8 Mile
Sat. March 1st CC theatre
4PM, 8PM, 11PM

CLUB EVENTS

UVM Ski Club
Free busses leaving at 8 am from
the Patrick gym to:
Sat. March 1st - Sugarbush
Sun. March 2nd - Stowe

Salle Catamount Fencing Club
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
7-9pm Marsh Dinning Hall
(attached to the MAT dorm)

ChemCats Club
[American Chemical Society]
Monday's at 2:30 in Rm. A-229

Men's and Woman's
Ultimate Frisbee
All welcome at the Patrick Gym
Thurs. March 27th 9-11 pm
Sun. March 2nd w- 1-3 pm+
m 8-10 pm

Vantage Point
7:30 pm in A500 Old Mill Annex.
We accept submissions via email

(vantagep@zoo.uvm.edu) or 304
Williams and 512 Old Mill.

- The deadline for our spring
issue is March 1

Table Tennis Club
every Fri. 7 p.m.
at the Harris - Millis Lobby

Climbing Club
Climbing Wall at the Patrick
Gym
open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Meeting Day
March 3rd 1- 3 pm
CC Theatre

- come speak your mind at
Town Meeting day

Free For Students!
Wed. March 5 at 7pm W.Bball vs
Maine - wear green and gold!

Speak with President Fogel
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Men's Soccer Signs Two Prep Stars

Two prep soccer stars, Corey Bronner of Morrisville, Vt. and Patrick Wyld of West Simsbury, Conn., will attend the University of Vermont, coach Roy Patton announced today.

The two student-athletes signed national letters of intent during the recent fall sports signing period.

"We are extremely excited to get these two talented and skilled players," Patton said "Both will compete for spots in the lineup right away. Naturally, we have seen Corey quite a bit and he's a very dedicated player who has held his own at whatever level he has played. That's rare for a rural player who has jumped in against top competition in the regional Olympic Developmental program."

Bronner, a 6-foot-1 midfielder out of Peoples Academy in

Morrisville who played for the Nordic Spirit club program, was recently named the Gatorade High School Player of the Year for Vermont.

A two-time all-New England selection, he was named all-state the past three seasons and twice has led the Wolves to the Division III state championship (including 2002).

In four years at Peoples, he scored 50 goals with 57 assists and his on-field leadership this fall included a stint in goal during a penalty-kick shootout in the Vermont state semifinals.

Next fall, Bronner will join three regulars from the Green Mountain state, T.J. Mead (Hinesburg/Champlain Valley), Ethan Hutchins (Barre/Spaulding), Jason Leahy (St. Albans, Vt./ BFA St. Albans) and another Peoples alum, Travis

Owen (Morrisville), on the Catamounts roster.

Wyld, whose parents are both UVM alums, led Loomis Chaffee to the Class A New England Prep School title and their second straight undefeated regular season. He was named to the all-state team and played in the Western New England all-star game.

A defender in high school, Wyld, who has great speed and plays with good pace, will be a candidate at outside midfield for the Catamounts.

Vermont, 11-7-1 overall and 5-1-1 in America East play last season, graduates six seniors from the 2002 squad that was the America East runner-up. Among the six were three midfielders including four-year starters Tim Parisi (Ivyland, Pa.) and David Said (Stone Mountain, Ga.).

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Ski Team Wins 28th Consecutive EISA Title

The University of Vermont ski team came from behind in the final alpine events of the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) Championships Saturday, using its strength in the Giant Slalom to overcome the deficit and win its 28th consecutive EISA title.

The streak is the longest conference championship winning streak of any sport in the nation, according to the NCAA, and comes in Director of Skiing Chip LaCasse's 34th and final year at Vermont. The Catamounts finished with 859.5 points, 14.5 better than runner-up Middlebury.

Vermont held a slim 13.5 point lead after the first day, and then saw that lead evaporate after the Nordic races. Vermont's Ethan Foster won the men's 20-K classical and Lowell Bailey was second, but the UVM women finished sixth as a team in the 15-K freestyle, giving Dartmouth a 12-point advantage heading into the second run of the GS at the Middlebury Snow Bowl.

As it has all year, Vermont's alpine team was dominant, leading the Catamounts to the win. In the women's GS, Jamie Kingsbury solidified her top seed in the East with a huge win, with teammate Hilary McCloyu sec-

ond and senior captain Gillian McFetridge sixth.

On the men's side, sophomore sensation Jimmy Cochran (Keene, N.H.), like Kingsbury the top-rated alpine skier in the East, added a second EISA title to his resume with a overwhelming victory in the GS. Vermont's Scott Kennison was third and Matt Knittle was seventh.

The Catamounts will now enter the NCAA Championships as the East's top team. The NCAA's are being hosted by Dartmouth College on March 5-8, 2003.

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Women's Tennis Ousts Opponents

The UVM women's tennis team defeated the University of Montreal 6-1, in a non-conference home game.

Then on Sunday morning, the Cats hosted the Friars of Providence College and defeated them, again with a score of 6-1, improving their

record to 3-5.

The Cats next face non-conference foe Fairfield, March 2 at 3:00 pm at home, before heading into conference play March 7, 8, 9, when they do battle against, U. of Albany, Hartford U. and UNH on home courts.

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Hall and Yantzi Continue to Shine

Women's Basketball

Senior Morgan Hall (20 points) and junior Aaron Yantzi (22 points) combined for 42 points, almost outscoring the entire New Hampshire team, in a 71-43 victory for the Catamounts. Vermont has won six straight conference games and six of seven overall.

UNH took a 13-8 lead early in the first half, but standout Maren Matthias picked up her second foul and had to go to the bench. With Matthias out of the UNH lineup, Vermont put together a 16-0 run, and earned a 24-13 lead. The Catamounts then scored the final seven points of the half to take a 31-20 lead into the locker room.

Vermont would continue to attack offensively to open the second half, posting an 11-2 run to give UVM a 49-22 lead. The Catamounts continued to build on and ran away with a 71-43 victory.

UNH shot just 30% from the floor and turned the ball over 20 times, resulting in 31 Vermont points.

Yantzi poured in a game-high 22 points on 9-for-13 shooting and grabbed four rebounds in her best conference effort of the year. Hall added 20 points, also on 9-for-13 shooting, and grabbed seven rebounds. Senior Dawn Cressman chipped in 11 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds to post her third double-double of the year.

The Catamounts then returned to action Saturday when they traveled to Boston University for a 1:00pm game at Case Gymnasium.

Junior Aaron Yantzi scored a

game-high 26 points, including her 1,000th career point, and grabbed eight rebounds to lead visiting Vermont past Boston University, 74-62, in a battle for second place in the America East Conference. Vermont has won seven straight conference games, three straight on the road after starting out the season 0-3 on the road in league games.

Yantzi becomes the 14th Catamount and sixth junior to reach the 1,000-career point plateau and joins teammates Morgan Hall and Dawn Cressman in the elite class.

The Terriers fought Vermont's offensive onslaught, tying the game up, 44-44 with 13:32 left in the contest. The Terriers wouldn't get any closer as the Catamounts rattled off 10 straight points, capped by a three-pointer by Theresa LaRocque, to put UVM up 54-44 with 11:12 remaining. Vermont would maintain a comfortable double-digit margin the rest of the way.

Hall finished the game with 17 points, nine rebounds and five assists for a solid all-around effort. Sophomore Lani Boardman chipped in 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while LaRocque added eight points and handed out a career-high nine assists. Vermont shot 53.3% (8-for-15) from three-point range. Boardman and Hall drained three three-pointers each. Yantzi also went 8-for-8 from the line in the contest.

Vermont returns to action on Wednesday, February 26 when it hosts Hartford at 7:00pm at Patrick Gym.

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Getting Wet, Wild and Dirty in Cali.

Continued from back....

In Oklahoma I think that survival is a sport. I didn't bother to stop to talk, eat, sleep or fill my gas tank so I coasted into Texas after my engine shut off. I was somehow happy to be in Texas in the frontierland and homestead of America. Texas offers a wide range of sports, all of which involve riding animals.

I took my chances and saddled up to a bull for a crack at bull riding. In order to get the bull to buck the way it does and tosses the rider onto the ground where it can trample him the cowboys

shock the bull's testicles with a tazer. I lasted 2.87 seconds on the bull and threw my hands in the air just to get off the bull. I think they shocked my testicles instead of the bull's.

After that experience I thought that I should just continue on to California and not run the risk of reliving the Texas incident.

So here I arrived in sunny San Diego which now holds a world of opportunity for me to get wet, wild and even a little dirty. And I might even play some sports too.

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Cats Dominate UNH and BU, and Improve to 10-4 in America East

Men's Basketball

Scotty Jones scored a career-high 21 points to lead a balanced attack as Vermont ran past New Hampshire, 85-68, in America East men's college basketball at the Patrick Gym on Wednesday night.

The win, Vermont's ninth in ten home games this season, improved the Catamounts record to 16-10 overall and 9-4 in the America East. They also remained two games behind league-leading Boston University (11-2), who topped Maine in Boston tonight.

Jones with 10 rebounds, and Germain Njila with a career-high 12, led a dominating inside attack as Vermont out-rebounded the much smaller Wildcats, 50-31. The Catamounts also had 19 offensive rebounds that led to 25 second-chance points. Vermont also shot 51% for the game while their stingy defense, one of the best in the conference, limited UNH to 39%.

Six points by Matt Sheftic and two baskets by Njila gave Vermont a 10-0 lead three minutes into the contest.

They widened the lead to 18-2 before a 9-0 run by UNH closed the gap. But three-pointers by David Hehn, Corey Sullivan and Mike Goia gave UVM a 44-27 lead at the break.

The Catamounts, who have now won six straight against their border rivals, led by as many as 30 points before the final margin.

In addition to Jones (8-for-10 FG's), Vermont had two others in double figures and a total of seven players tally eight or more. Goia finished with 12 points and

Sullivan 10 while the America East's leading scorer, Taylor Coppenrath, was limited to a season-low eight points. Coppenrath was in foul trouble much of the first half and played only 21 minutes in the one-sided contest.

For New Hampshire (4-21, 2-12), Ben Sturgill scored 20 points on eight-for-nine shooting and had eight rebounds.

Shawn Collette came off the bench to hit four three-pointers in five tries and had 15. Marcus Bullock also hit three treys and scored 11.

Vermont then hosted Boston University on Saturday at 1:00pm in the Patrick Gym. David Hehn scored a career-high 17 points to lead a balanced attack as Vermont held off the Terriers, 60-53.

The win, Vermont's tenth in 11 home games this season, improved the Catamounts record to 17-10 overall and 10-4 in the America East. They moved to one game behind the league-leading Terriers (11-3), heading into the final week of the regular season. The 17 wins are also the third-most in program history behind last season's 21, and 19 in 1946-47.

"I am thrilled that we are in at least second place at this stage of the season," commented Vermont coach Tom Brennan. "I'm so proud of how tough our guys have played all season and this win sure makes the last week of the season interesting."

Three points by Grant

Anderson capped an 11-0 run over seven minutes gave the Catamounts a 22-14 lead midway through the first half. The teams traded scores before UVM settled into a 28-21 lead at the break.

Taylor Coppenrath opened the second half with an inside hoop before a pair of three-pointers by Billy Collins brought Boston U. even, 34-34, five minutes after halftime. The teams traded the lead but neither could pull away.

Matt Sheftic hit a pair of free throws and then UVM took the lead for good on a three-point play by Grant Anderson, set up by a nifty assist from Sheftic.

On the ensuing possession, Coppenrath drew a charging foul by Rashad Bell and then converted a three-

point play of his own on the other end.

After a three by Bell, Hehn answered with a triple at the other end with 24 seconds left that closed out B.U.

"We were sluggish in the first half and the full court pressure in the second half seemed to energize us," noted B.U. coach Dennis Wolff. "But they were much more aggressive than us and destroyed us on the boards."

Hehn made four three-pointers in five attempts and had four assists for the winners.

Sheftic, in one of his best games as a Catamount, finished with 16 points (7-for-12 FG's) and a game-high 11 rebounds while Anderson also had a double-dou-



UVM standout David Hehn scored a career-high 17 points in Vermont's win over Boston University.

ble with 10 points and 10 boards. Limited to just four-for-15 from the floor, Coppenrath tallied 11 points and added seven rebounds as Vermont dominated the glass by a 44-26 margin, with a 15-8 edge on the offensive glass.

Bell led the Terriers (16-9) with 17 points on seven-for-11 from the floor while Seymour added nine and Matt Turner came off the bench with eight.

The Terriers shot just 40% for the game but went five-for-22 (23%) from behind the arc. They committed only four turnovers

but had three in the late stages of the contest. Boston U. closes out the regular season with a home game with UNH on Wednesday and a game at crosstown rival Northeastern on the following Sunday.

Vermont wraps up their slate with a game at Hartford on Wednesday and a home game with Albany on Sunday, March 2nd.

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Go West, Young Man

By BRETT WEIR

West Coast Cynic Sports Analyst

I felt like Father Winter was sending me a message. It was a nasty but to the point message in the form of harsh negative temperatures and back wrenching snow shoveling. "Go West. Goooo West. San Diego..." The whispering voice would wake me up at night and cause me to bolt upright in my bunk.

Go West? San Diego? But there is no slippery ice, mediocre college hockey teams, or overcrowded CATS buses. I kept hearing the voices and soon realized that it was my roommate whispering from the bottom bunk because he wanted a single, but I got the hint.

So, I the honorable Brett Weir III, vagabond at heart, packed up my car and headed West for San Diego. As I drove route 81, I left behind me New England along with all of my worries, the cold weather and my Billy Ray Cyrus tapes.

In the name of Kerouac, I convinced myself that along the way I would study the athletic habits of the America that so many people know so little about.

In Pennsylvania there is a wonderful variety of sports in February. There is hunting for deer with a bow, hunting for deer with a gun, hunting for deer with a bow and a gun at the same time, hunting for moose with a gun, hunting for squirrels with mace- you get the idea. I saw raccoons step in front of trucks hoping to take control of their inevitable fate.

The sports in Tennessee were a little harder to crack than in some other states. I tried to talk to some of the locals about what their leisure time activity but learned too little from the incoherent Southern garble that fell out of their mouth. One word I was able to make out was "Tyson" which made sense because of the Tyson-Etienne fight that took place on Saturday in Memphis.

After the fight Mike Tyson made perhaps the boldest and largest understatement ever made by an upright-walking human being. Jeremy Schapp asked him if he was going to fight again and Tyson said, "I don't know. I am not going to just be a rocket scientist now." (You should have a blank expression on your face right now) This is Tennessee sports. *Cont'd on page 11....*

Track and Field Team Earns Sixth in Championship

Vermont's Kristal Kostiew finished second in the shot put and junior captain Tee Gingras of Barre, Vt. was second in the 1,000 meters at the second and final day of the America East Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday.

Kostiew threw 46-11 to finish second, just ahead of teammate Sara Lovell, who was third (46-1). Gingras ran the 1,000 in a time of 2:57.14 to finish second.

Other highlights for Vermont included: Michele Palmer finishing sixth in the 3,000 (10:11.10)

and Vermont's 4-by-400 relay team finishing sixth in 4:05.64.

Vermont finished in a tie for sixth with Maine with 60 points. Northeastern won with 163 points, with Boston University second at 114.

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Men's and Women's LAX Teams Expected to do Well

Both the UVM men's lacrosse team and UVM women's lacrosse team have been picked to finish fourth in America East in the 2003 Coaches' Poll released by the conference office today.

The men's team is coming off a 5-9 season, 1-4 in the conference, but the Catamounts will be a force to be reckoned with this season. Coach Steve Beville returns the top seven scorers from last season.

In addition to a roster loaded with experienced upperclassmen, the Catamounts will also welcome a quality group of newcomers, in addition to sophomore standout Chris Legare, who returns after missing the 2002 season with an injury.

Vermont opens the season at

Brown on Saturday, March 1st and has its home opener on Tuesday, March 25th against Siena.

Albany is the coaches' selection to win the men's league, getting five of six first-place votes. Stony Brook and Quinnipiac round out the top three, with Hartford fifth and Binghamton sixth.

The women's LAX team, coached by Kissy Rowley, is coming off one of the best seasons in recent memory. Vermont finished with a 7-8 overall record last season and advanced to the conference tournament for the first time since 1996.

Despite some turnover on the roster, the Cats are primed for another solid season. Junior cap-

tain Molly Sheehan, a second-team All-Conference selection last year, returns as do sophomore standouts Mackenzie Dean and Vanessa Cox. Both Dean and Cox were named to the All-Rookie team in 2002, while Dean was also a second-team All-Conference selection.

Boston University, the defending America East champion, garnered four first-place votes and is the pick of the league's coaches to win the women's title again in 2003. New Hampshire and Albany are 2 and 3, while Stony Brook and Binghamton round out the ranking.

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Ski Team Takes Second Place at NCAA Championships

Sophomore Lowell Bailey led a 2-7-11 finish for the University of Vermont men's nordic team during the first day of competition at the NCAA Ski Championships last Wednesday.

Bailey finished the 10-kilometer freestyle race in 24:33.5, second only to New Mexico's Jimmy Vika, the two-time defending champion in the event who finished in 24:03.9. Bailey earned first-team All-America honors for his effort. Teammate Ethan Foster finished seventh in 24:56.8, while Ryan Foster was 11th in 25:26.1. As a team, Vermont won the men's freestyle with 100 points.

In the women's 5-K freestyle race, junior captain Emily Klemp finished 26th in 14:42.7. Utah's Katrin Smigun won in 13:29.7.

The NCAA Championships continued

Thursday with the men's and women's Giant Slalom.

Freshman standout Jamie Kingsbury won the individual national title for the Cats in the giant slalom as Vermont moved from eighth to third place after the second day of the Championships.

Kingsbury entered the race as the top skier from the East, and she backed up her sterling reputation with two great runs at the Dartmouth Skiway to win by seven-tenths of a second. Her second run of 1:00.15 was nearly a second better than all others.

Sophomore captain Ethan Foster earned first-team All-America honors as he finished second by two-tenths of a second in the 20-kilometer classical race at Day Three of the Championships

In winning, Kingsbury becomes the fourth UVM skier to win the women's GS, joining Keri Schlopy (1991), Sally Knight (1992) and current Catamount alpine assistant coach Erica MacConnell (2001). She is also the first freshman to win an individual title since teammate Matt Knittle won the

men's GS in 2000.

Senior captain Gillian McFetridge finished fifth in 2:11.03, while Hilary McCloy finished 32nd. On the men's side, Vermont's Jimmy Cochran finished third with a two-run total of 2:00.26. Knittle was 12th (2:01.56) and senior captain Scott Kennison finished 17th (2:02.65).

Sophomore captain Ethan Foster then earned first-team All-America honors as he finished second by two-tenths of a second in the 20-kilometer classical race at Day Three of the Championships.

Foster finished the event in a time of 58:43.6, while the winner, Christopher Cook of New Mexico, crossed the line in 58:43.4. Lowell Bailey was 11th (60:39.8) and Ryan Foster was 24th (62:31.9). In the women's 15-K classical race, Vermont's Emily Klemp was 33rd with a time of 52:31.4.

Vermont ended up having a remarkable showing at the NCAA Ski Championships, which concluded Saturday, finishing second despite hav-



Jamie Kingsbury is the NCAA National Champion in the Giant Slalom and won seventh place in Slalom to help lead the Cats to second place in the Championships last weekend.

ing an incomplete team for the meet.

Vermont went 2-3 in the men's slalom, with Jimmy Cochran earning first-team All-America honors with a second-place finish and senior captain Scott Kennison taking third. In the women's race, Hilary McCloy was fourth to earn her first first-team All-America certificate, while GS national champion

Jamie Kingsbury was seventh.

Vermont finished with 551 points, second only to Utah, who dominated with 682 points. Colorado was third with 546.5 points, New Mexico was fourth (541.5) and Denver fifth (522.5). Dartmouth was the next Eastern school, finishing sixth with 472.5 points.

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Women's Tennis Wins Two, Improves to 6-9

Women's Tennis

The University of Vermont topped Albany, 5-2, in America East women's tennis on Friday afternoon.

The win was the Catamounts (6-9) fourth in their last five matches.

The Catamounts won four of the six singles matches and then picked up a point in doubles by taking two of three.

Mandy Harrison, at number two, came from behind to win her singles match, 4-6, 6-3 (10-2) and then teamed up with Maika Foukal to win in doubles.

Foukal also was a straight sets winner in singles.

Prior to heading to Texas for spring break, Vermont closed out their home stand hosting Hartford on Saturday at 2:30pm.

Then the team won its sixth match in seven contests with a 5-2 victory over visiting Hartford at Patrick Gym.

The Catamounts doubles-squads swept the Hawks, while UVM's #1, #2, #3 and #6 singles players earned victories.

Junior Molly Moran was a double-winner, posting a 7-5, 6-4 victory at #1 singles over Hartford's Ana Mova and earning an 8-4 victory with teammate Kyna Delaney at #1 doubles.

Laura Beth Halter teamed with Alie Taylor to earn an 8-3 victory at #2 doubles and Halter defeated Alexis Alexander, 6-1, 6-1, to pick up a win at #2 singles.

Taylor also won her #6 singles match, 6-1, 6-0.

Mandy Harrison earned a straight-sets victory over Lauren Perry at #3 singles and also registered a win at #3 doubles with Maika Foukal.

Vermont improves to 6-9 on the season and heads to Texas for four matches over spring break.

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Junior Molly Moran led the Catamounts to a 5-2 victory over Hartford on Saturday.

Hockey Cats Sweep Clarkson 2-0 to Advance in ECAC Playoffs

Vermont's Phil Youngclaus scored his first career goal and Shawn Conschafter continued his outstanding play against Clarkson as the Catamount men's ice hockey hung on for a wild 3-2 win over Clarkson in the opening round of the ECAC Division I playoffs Friday.

Youngclaus' goal came in a dominating middle frame for Vermont (12-18-3 overall), which bottled up the Golden Knights in their own zone for much of the period. Jeff Corey scored a power-play goal early in the third to give Vermont a 2-0 lead before Clarkson finally solved Conschafter with a goal from Kevin O'Flaherty with 1:47 left.

The Catamounts then got the game-winner in the most unlikely of ways, into an empty net short-handed from 180 feet on the fly off the stick of freshman Jaime Sifers with 58 seconds left. That goal gave Vermont a 3-1 lead, which quickly shrunk to 3-2 on Randy Jones' 6-on-4 goal with 30 seconds left.

"Clarkson came on in the end, but I thought Shawn played very well," Vermont coach Mike

Gilligan said. "We're fortunate to come out of here with a win. They are a strong team."

The win, Vermont's sixth all-time at Cheel - the most of any ECAC team - was the third playoff-game win for the Catamounts in the last three seasons. Vermont is the only team to ever beat Clarkson in a playoff game and a playoff series.

As was the case two years ago, Conschafter played a big part in the win, recording 27 stops.

The Catamount special teams were also brilliant, scoring one power-play and one shorthanded goal while and keeping the Golden Knights to just one late goal on eight extra-man chances.

Then, on Saturday, in the second game of the series, Vermont's Brady Leisenring scored two third-period goals, highlighting a five-goal outburst in the final 20 minutes, and Shawn Conschafter was brilliant as usual as the Catamounts defeated Clarkson, 6-1.

Vermont, the tournament's 10th seed, will now play at #2 Harvard in the ECAC quarterfinals starting next weekend in



Sophomore standout Brady Leisenring scored two goals in Saturday night's win over Clarkson

Boston. Game one will be Friday night at 7:00pm at the Bright Arena. The winner of that series will move on to Albany, N.Y. for the 2003 ECAC Championships.

The series win is the second in Potsdam in three years for Vermont, which defeated the Golden Knights two years ago, two games to one. The Catamounts have won six of the last nine games against Clarkson, and remain the only ECAC team to defeat the Knights in a playoff series

at Cheel Arena.

With the two teams tied at 1-1 entering the third period, Vermont scored three goals in a span of 5:37, with Leisenring starting the run. The sophomore played brilliantly, and now has 12 goals this season, second on the team.

Tim Plant then took a pass from John Longo and beat Traylen with a snapshot from the left circle at 9:54 to give Vermont a 4-1 lead, and the Cats were rolling.

"Toward the end of

the second, we started to get things going and we carried that intensity on into the third and got a couple of bounces," Leisenring said.

Vermont added a pair of goals late, the first coming at 17:40 into an empty net off the stick of freshman defenseman Phil Youngclaus, who scored his second in as many games. The final blow came at 19:26 on Bryson Busniuk's eighth goal of the season, with Plant getting the assist. Conschafter, meanwhile, kept the Golden knights to one goal on 30 shots.

"I thought Shawn played very well, especially early," Vermont coach Mike Gilligan said. "We got it going there in the third period. I thought Clarkson played a real solid first half of the game. It was a real competitive game, and then we had a few bounces go in for us."

Conschafter was glowing in the aftermath of Vermont's playoff win.

"Right now this is better than three years ago," he said. "Tonight was a total team effort."

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Mardi Gras Parade Rolls through downtown Burlington this past Saturday. Many local businesses created delicious floats from which beads and chocolates were thrown into the greedy hands of the assembled throng.

UVM Participates In National Blood Related Study

PRESS RELEASE

Deep vein thrombosis, a potentially fatal condition that afflicts about 270,000 people annually in the United States, will likely be treated differently due to the dramatically positive results of a new study, which is featured in the Feb. 24 electronic version of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers have found that long-term use of a low dosage of the drug warfarin, a commonly available blood thinner also known by the brand name Coumadin, provides an effective and safe treatment for this problem.

The University of Vermont (UVM) was one of 52 international sites that participated in the Prevention of Recurrent Venous Thrombosis (PREVENT) study, a randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled study involving a total of 508 participants worldwide. Co-author of the study report and Associate Professor of Medicine Mary Cushman, M.D., led the study at the UVM/Fletcher Allen Health Care site, which had one of the highest patient enrollment rates with 27 local-area participants.

Also known as phlebitis, deep-vein thrombosis is a blood clot that forms in the deep veins of the thigh or calf, resulting in pain and discomfort.

UVM Professors Making Mountains Out Of Orogeny

PRESS RELEASE

From volcanic eruptions and earthquakes to catastrophic mudslides, the geologic processes active in mountain belts impact human societies every day.

Yet scientists still understand relatively little about how mountains are formed, changed, destroyed and affect climate — knowledge that could help them more accurately predict the Earth's behavior.

Keith Klepeis and Tracy Rushmer, assistant professors of geology at the University of Vermont, took a new and interdisciplinary approach to mountain-building dynamics, as reported in the cover story of the January issue of the Journal Geological Society of America Today.

The article, "Magma transport and coupling between deformation and magmatism in the continental lithosphere," concerns the geologists' National Science Foundation-funded research of a mountain belt in Fiordland, South Island and New Zealand.

"Mountains are like icebergs," said Klepeis. "Ninety percent of them are below the surface."

The unusually deep exposure of this mountain belt, where rocks from early mountain-building are exposed at the surface, helped the geologists to learn more about the processes that

control the movement of magma, the impact of magma on rock deformation and how the strength of the mountain belt changes over time.

"These processes affected the formation of mountains over millions of years," Rushmer noted.

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Class of '06 Loses a Member

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, Feb. 22, freshman Ashlee D'Avignon died in a car accident in Middlebury.

D'Avignon, originally from Virginia Beach, VA, had recently moved to Middlebury. She was undeclared in the College of Engineering and Mathematics. "She was very kind at heart, she had a certain softness and sweetness," said Anah Richmond, the Student Services Specialist for the College, who worked with D'Avignon.

"She loved small children, and she worked in some sort of daycare with her mother," said

Richmond. "She wanted to work with children."

D'Avignon, according to the Burlington Free Press, graduated 13 out of 483 from her high school in Virginia Beach, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She received the Presidential Governor's Award for outstanding student as well as being a member of her high school softball team.

In addition, according to the Free Press, D'Avignon enjoyed skiing and volleyball.

According to Richmond, D'Avignon was the first member of her family to attend college.

Marget Brue New Trustee

PRESS RELEASE

The Associated Directors for the Appointment of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Student Trustees, Inc. has chosen Marget Brue as its new UVM Trustee.

Marget is a native of Burlington, Vermont. She grew up in Burlington attending South Burlington High School. Currently a Sophomore, Marget is an economics major. When Marget arrived at the University of Vermont as a freshman last year, she immediately got involved. Serving 2 years on the

Student Government Association, one year as Chair of Academic Affairs, Marget has proven her love and dedication to the university. Besides her Senatorial role within the student body, Marget has been involved in the Lawrence Debate Union, the Economics Club, and other various clubs and activities.

"I feel deeply privileged to have this opportunity to serve UVM, in the last two years I have absolutely delighted with my experiences at UVM and I hope to ensure that UVM not only sustains but builds upon its commitment to excellence," Marget Brue, newly appointed Trustee.

Title IX Brought Under Scrutiny

U-WIRE

LEXINGTON, Ky. - U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige responded swiftly to a government recommendation that suggested tweaking Title IX, the 1972 law that protects from sexual discrimination in academic or other federal programs.

Wednesday night, hours after the official report was delivered by the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, Paige released a statement saying that he would only consider the recommendations that were unanimously supported by the commission -- potentially nixing eight of the 23 proposals.

Despite striking down eight proposals -- which were the most controversial -- the report by the commission recommends that a retooling of the law go forward.

"This report includes several recommendations unanimously agreed upon by all of the commissioners in public meetings," Paige said in a statement.

Retooling may include strengthening the enforcement of Title IX, giving equal weight to each of the three methods of compliance in the law and discouraging schools from the practice of cutting male sports teams in order to maintain impartiality.

University of Kentucky women's basketball coach Bernadette Mattox recently echoed the retooling sentiment.

"Everything needs upgrading," she said. "I think that if they see fit to change it, then it would be fine."

Liz McCaslin, a UK graduate student and the Southeastern Conference's Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative, said there are many positives to Title IX and that it's often misunderstood.

"Once people are educated about Title IX, it won't be much of

a debate," McCaslin said. "It's not just about not having women's sports replicated for every men's sport."

According to Title IX, colleges and universities must sustain the same proportion of male and female students to male and

female athletes; exhibit the drive to expand female athletic opportunities; and demonstrate that female sports interests have been "fully and effectively accommodated" on campus.

-Liz McCaslin
U of Kentucky Graduate

Among the recommendations that aren't likely to be considered are allowing universities to ignore non-traditional students when providing sports opportunities, the counting of slots available to student athletes instead of the actual athletes and discounting and ignoring non-scholarship players

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Get Out and Vote!

It's that time of year again: SGA elections! If you haven't been attacked by flyers, banners, or if this isn't your first time ever reading the Cynic, you know that four Presidential and five Vice-Presidential candidates are duking it out for the coveted prize of head of our student government.

As the elections draw near, one might be thinking to oneself: why do I care? Why does it matter to me?

Who are these people, and how are they going to represent me?

We at the Cynic pose a challenge to all of those who think that the SGA elections don't matter or to those who don't care one way or the other. For they do matter, and you should care.

It is your job, as someone who pays these people's future salaries, to be a responsible UVMissary and get out and vote.

But do not haphazardly vote-be informed as to and be aware of what these people stand for.

This year, for a change, we seem to have a variety of candidates who are running. Some aren't even current members of the SGA.

We have non-Greeks and Greeks, women and men, underclassmen and upper-classmen, Democrats and Republicans.

It's moving towards looking more like a representation of the real UVM. Not quite, but we're getting there.

One might be saying, "Why do you want us to care? You crazy Cynic editors don't even like the SGA!"

Not true. Aside from our own personal views on the SGA, it's our job and yours to

make a difference by getting out and voting.

These elections can be decided by hundreds of votes as less than 2,000 people turned out to vote over two days last year. That's pretty low for such a politically active campus.

These people running have different views and different agendas, including different ways to spend our money. Why should 300 people decide who gets to do that?

It's crucial to the success and well-being of this student body that we have a government that understands our needs and will represent us to the administration and city.

Why let that be left up to some candidate's buddies who all came down and decided to vote for their friend, not knowing who would be best fit for the job?

Don't turn this into a popularity contest. It shouldn't be. This should be about who is the best person to serve for our needs.

How do we prevent this from turning into a popularity contest? By taking an active role in the election process and becoming informed.

Read their ideas on Page 6. Go to the debates on Wednesday. Stop them in the line at Cook Commons and harass them for their ideas on bringing a bar to campus or stopping the drug problem cold.

These people are not there merely to represent some 40 senators in Billings, but rather, all of the student body. Make sure the winners are people who will best serve your interests. Do so by going to the library and casting your ballot. That's the UVM way.

As & Fs

As

-To the amount of Letters to the Editor written by freshmen. Damned if every class stays uninvolved!

-To the fine folks who are taking the initiative to start new clubs. Now THAT'S proactivity! Bored they may have been, but bored they will not be. That's some hot effort firing up these walls.

Fs

-To professors who turn back papers/tests weeks after receiving them. If we turned our stuff in two weeks late because we were busy, we'd be failing.

-To the lack of students at the activities fair on Thursday in Billings. We all know what clubs we're in, so don't make us talk to each other all day.

The Vermont Cynic welcomes letters and opinion pieces and reserves the right to edit all pieces for length. Please limit letters to 200 words.

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**Write for the Cynic?
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dance! Get out your
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Billings. Run it, clown!**

Tag Team

To the Editor:

I would like to make a formal complaint about the irresponsible, contradicting and factually incorrect article on graffiti in last week's Cynic. My first point of contention is your lack of distinction between tags and graffiti and the purposes for both.

A tag is simply a means to get your name out. For people to successfully do this, their names must be seen in as many places as possible so as to establish a reputation. Many taggers get their names out to achieve street recognition, but are usually better known for their murals. A mural takes much more time than a tag, and is to be executed as quickly and inconspicuously as possible. A good mural is usually planned far in advance and is often a collaboration of several artists with a common vision. Trains are popular places to throw up murals, because at night they are unwatched and remain in the train station.

When you say that graffiti is important for "A small demographic of urban residents," I am going to have to disagree with you. Graffiti is a global form of expression that can be found in nearly every country in the world. It is an inexpensive medium for getting your message out and is employed by all classes, often to express a political position or a social rebellion of an established norm.

As of yet I have not mentioned the link between hip-hop and graffiti, but I feel it must be understood that as corporations adopt hip-hop heads for sponsorship of their products, there is not only a co-opting of their style but also their culture, which includes graffiti. It is impossible to watch television and not catch a breakbeat, rap or graffiti-inspired font on

the tele. Thus, this style has expanded to impact more than just the urban areas where it was invented; it has become a global entity and representation of a distinguished sub-culture (See www.zulunation.com for more info).

You say, "It is made by artists...without an accepted gallery presence." I'm going to have to ask you to spend some more time researching artists like Basquiat, Keith Haring, Futura 2000, Doze Green, Shepard Fairey, David Kinsey, Banksy, Barry McGee and hundreds of other artists who all started doing work on the streets but evolved their styles and gained acceptance in galleries.

True, many of them have incorporated graffiti into more traditional mediums, i.e. canvas and paints along with aerosol and bricks, but the influence is impossible to ignore and it would be wrong to ignore it. In Woods saying, "There is no inherent desire to sell their art," again there is a sweeping generalization, and to believe that artists are truly romantic and enjoy being poor, broke and hungry is just as much of an ignorant stereotype.

As far as tagging on campus to advertise a new literary publication, although it may be an eyesore to many, are you suggesting, Andrew, that there should not be an alternative press? You seem to encourage the proliferation of this medium (graffiti) but discourage its very purpose, which is to remain a dynamic and engaging medium for conveying alternative information. For more information on the history, place and development of graffiti and the artists in New York, see the film "Wild Style."

Stephen Naber
Class of 2003

Ha Ha Ha

To the Editor:

The first things I look at when I read the Cynic are the As and Fs. Usually I can agree greatly with you, but I feel that one of your recent Fs is much undeserved. I am referring to the 'F' in regards to "the people who wear very little clothing in an effort to be funny yet torture their bodies. Isn't that weird?"

First off, I bet you have seen the dude who always wears shorts no matter what the temperature outside is and I bet you've seen him on those really cold frigin' days and it has given you a chuckle; if it hasn't, you have a pretty lame sense of humor.

Secondly, if these people are wearing a lack of clothing in an effort to make

other people smile and laugh, at least they're trying. God forbid someone is trying to make our lives more amusing. We should appreciate people who make an effort to humor us-not shun them.

I believe these guys should get As, because I know that myself and the other students on my floor greatly appreciate "I wear shorts no matter what the temperature is" guy and everybody else who goes out there and sports minimal clothing in an effort to makes us laugh.

Over and above all, I think that there needs to be more people like this at UVM. More laughter and less bitchin'...

Kyle Jongerden
Class of 2006

Ooo-wee, Dewey!

To the Editor:

I happened to pick up a Cynic when I was on campus yesterday, and I read the letter titled "Lafayette Lives," by Michael Mulvey.

I agree that Lafayette's statue on the UVM Green and Lafayette's importance in UVM's history could be given more attention, but I notice that the author twice refers to the statue being at the "southern end" of the Green. In fact the statue resides at the northern end of the Green facing John Dewey Hall.

And, speaking of John Dewey, I would like to remind everyone of the presence on campus of a monument to one of the world's great philosophers and educators

who graduated from UVM in 1879.

Dewey grew up in Burlington and taught for many years at the University of Chicago and Teachers College, Columbia University. During the University of Vermont Homecoming celebration in 1949, Dewey returned triumphantly to Burlington to celebrate his 90th birthday.

I hope every student and faculty member will make a special effort to visit the Dewey monument on the north side of Ira Allen Chapel and reflect a few moments on Dewey's beautiful words carved into the monument.

David R. Conrad
Professor Emeritus of Education

Hello, How Are You, Won't You Tell Me Your Name?

A few days ago, I was in the library when I made eye contact with a face that was not foreign to my memory.

Well, over a year ago we had engaged in a short conversation pertaining to an interest that we both shared.

As I saw my path to the exit being blocked by this person whom I will call "Pat," I prepared myself for the "stop and chat" that would inevitably occur in ten paces.

I did not know "Pat's" name, nor did I know anything else about "Pat"; all I knew was that we had exchanged no more than a few sentences over a year ago.

However, I found myself asking how "Pat" was.

Oh, "Pat" was fine.

How was I?

I was just fine.

The conversation ended following this intimate exchange of personal interests in a most appropriate manner—an end marked by both of us abruptly walking away from each other, mumbling fading "good-byes" over our shoulders.

So what, you may ask, is so special about this interaction?

Nothing is special about it, and therein lies the problem.

This is often an everyday occurrence for me, sometimes even happening multiple times a day.

Most of the time I know the other person's name and have made his/her acquaintance on more than one occasion.

However, more times than not, my interactions with such acquaintances resemble that of the one described above.

Now, you may wonder what is wrong with this.

Isn't this just being nice and polite?

Nice, yes; polite, no.

Politeness is a characteristic marked by consideration.

And consideration is thoughtful concern for others.

When I asked how "Pat" was, surely I did not wish him, "Pat," any ill, but I didn't really care.

I expected no more of a response than I received and was as perfectly satisfied with the answer as "Pat" was with mine.

Neither of us truly wanted to know how the other was doing, nor did we probably have the time to find out.

Such interactions as the one described above have been popularly called "small talk."

When one is greeted with a singsong "How are you" by a wide-eyed, open-armed and smiling acquaintance, the "small talk script" is quickly racked for conversation pieces or what I refer to as A.I.R. (awkward interaction repellent).

When A.I.R. is employed, the emotional responses to this variety of subjects can range from the excited and high-pitched, "That is soooo coool," to the sad, low-pitched "Nooooooo." While this example is in mock reference to young women, men are also guilty of such emotional annoyances.

These interactions have also been called "shallow exchanges."

Shallowness is a lack of knowledge, intellect or emotion.

While such exchanges may lack depth, they often, as in the example above, do not lack emotion.

Thus, I feel that a more appropriate term for these exchanges is insincere, rather than shallow.

In a recent article published in the Vermont Cynic, an article titled "With a Little Help from My Friends," the author states that his own insincere exchanges do not reflect his personal shallowness or insincerity, but the insincerity "of the whole social scene at universities nationwide."

I would argue that this insincerity is not only a problem of American universities but of American society in general.

"How are you" has become such an ingrained part of the American greeting that the meaning behind it has become caloused by overuse.

For example, how often do you know the answer to this common question before it is even finished being asked?

Furthermore, I would dare say that all of us at one time or another have answered the question "What's up?" with "Fine," an honest mistake but proof of the monotonous property "How are you" has achieved.

All this became very apparent to me upon my four months spent living in Prague.

Many times, I was met with an awkward smile or a look of confusion upon my asking a Czech I had just been introduced to how he/she was.

I was told that this was simply not done.

The Czechs often see such a question between new acquaintances as an insult.

At first I thought the Czechs were a cold and impolite people, but the more I discussed the subject with my Czech friends and the more I thought about it, the more it made sense.

To ask someone how he/she is, is akin to asking him/her his/her personal business.

To frame such a question in a passing manner is as good as tattooing "I don't care" on your forehead.

As time passed and I learned from my own mistakes, I began to treat my words as gold coins rather than copper pennies.

But how in all of God's green earth, in everything that is sacred, in the name of the father, the son and Lebron James, can a society function without using such a phrase in an introductory or passing way?

The Czechs may not be a domineering world power or have a cowboy for a president, but they do make a damn good pilsner—mmm, pilsner—oh, and they also have made their way around the problem of general societal insincerity that we, Americans, have not.

Instead of passing their fellow countrymen on the street with

a quick and meaningless, "Hey, how ya doing?" the Czechs (along with other Europeans) have come up with an ingenious system of greetings and salutations.

This is very complicated, so bear with me.

During the daylight hours they say, "Dobry Den" or, in English, "Good day"; as day turns to dusk and evening, they use "Dobre Vecer" or "Good evening"; and during the night, they say "Dobre Nos" or, that's right, "Good night."

These can be used as greetings or farewells and have proven very effective over many years of testing.

If this system feels too refined or perhaps you feel its appropriateness requires an accompanying tip of the hat in a time when, unfortunately, hat tipping is not the style, there are other ways to get around our favorite phrase of feigned interest.

"Hello" is a good start.

While many of you are fond of the "Hello, how are you" combination, perhaps exchanging "How" with "What" and adding "up to" at the end will tickle your fancy.

This is a simple question that demands a simple and straightforward answer.

Sure, you could lie about where you are going or what you are doing, but that would involve too much thinking (an activity that has fallen out of popularity since MTV stopped playing music videos).

For those of you who want to delve deeper, perhaps the past tense "What have you been up to" suits you.

Either way, for the most part, you can avoid conveying insincerity as well as receiving it.

In the adverse time we live, with political uncertainty and terror alert color uncertainty, nuclear weapons and nuclear inspections, the issues of this article may seem petty.

However, perhaps it is the perfect time that we inspect ourselves and the reasons many foreigners see the American agenda as one of selfishness and greed.

By changing the way in which we interact with each other, we may take the first step towards changing the way many perceive our culture.

In these times of confusion, for many, "How are you" may not only be an insincere question but a very complicated one as well.

In the future, when you see an acquaintance on your way to class and you ask him or her how he/she is, you may perhaps find yourself late to class and with the burden of other people's problems weighing down upon your head.

And no one likes being late for class.

We Salute You

To the Editor:

So far I have been disappointed with both the global and local sentiments on the imposing war with Iraq.

Having graduated from High School JROTC, I have many friends who are now serving in the elite US Ranger Battalion and other armed services.

These brave few are standing up for what are not only American ideals but those by which morals are defined.

War is an ugly thing, and should not ever be taken lightly.

However, it must be understood that there are times when force becomes a necessity.

It is such force which has made it possible for me to write this letter, and however hard it is for protesters to sometimes understand, it is the same force which gives them the ability to speak their piece.

Our First Amendment is a privilege in which most Iraqis

cannot indulge.

Saddam has had his day in the sun, and he used it to kill and dictate.

The Soldiers receiving their orders and perhaps even my friends could soon find themselves on the front lines of war. Each time I hear accusations that our Soldiers are baby killers, I laugh at the utter ignorance.

I know Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines—some as friends and some as family—and none of them would ever hurt an innocent civilian, but would instead give their own lives to their protection.

In closing, I hope that the voices I hear when walking to class will go from anti-Americanism and President-bashing to wishing our men and women in uniform a safe return and God-speed.

Jason Lantagne
Class of 2006



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In the Days of My Youth

As many of you may have noticed, the usual influx of pre-freshmen has been swarming our campus in recent days.

They come with wide eyes, thinking of all the fun they could have here in college.

They fantasize about finally becoming free from the parents they are cautiously walking five or 10 feet in front of.

Hoping to acclimate themselves as quickly as possible, they strut around as if they own the place, like someone from Ohio in New York trying to "blend in."

But HA!

Your little brochures and excited tour guides give you away, guys.

I can see right through your veil of faux comfort, for I was once their, too.

On the surface, a lot of you look like a lot of us.

Guys strut around with clothing half falling off, wearing skate shoes that you could probably go snow shoeing in.

Their aim is to look as uninterested and unaffected as possible.

This aim is best achieved by bopping their heads to pop-rap on their headphones.

These tactics, however, are fairly ineffective as there is no disguising being led around by tour guides.

Try as they may, they are clearly following current students, Advocats, who tirelessly tell them some really cool anecdotes about when the gym was built, or how long Waterman has been around.

Enter the dead giveaway.

Further, pre-frosh girls try to look at once cute and interested, considerably more clued in than their male counterparts.

Simultaneously, though, these ladies are testing out the new "sophisticated" look college students are supposed to have while sipping coffee and discussing French poetry.

It's difficult, because in high school you're supposed to look like everyone else, and most importantly, only be as intelligent as everyone else.

Here, one must gain an air of independence and booksmarts, usually resulting in them looking silly and confused.

Now I see you all daily, whether while walking around campus, or taking the bus while you cautiously avoid eye contact and try your hardest not to give away the fact that you have no idea where you are.

It's great for me, because I immediately get uplifted to a higher echelon, whereupon you are the future college student, and I am the current.

Without saying anything, my superego goes into full blast, and I can't help but revel in the position I'm in.

That's not to say that most everyone else on the bus isn't also already in college, but that doesn't really matter.

When all you're looking for is petty ego-stroking, seeing a visiting student will do just fine.

And did any of you see the even younger kids walking around last week?

That was amazing!!

Since those little dudes were only like fifteen, seeing them around was even better.

I remember that when I was a freshman in high school, a college student seemed like another species.

Because I was always so intimidated by the incredible coolness age carried with it, seeing a college student made me feel like a rock star had come into our midst.

Now, only recently freed from the traps of young-adulthood, (although seniors still scare the hell out of me), I can revel in the memory of when I hoped to become the person I am now.

Of course, I had always assumed I would have gained national fame and love by now, but that's ok.

I can wait.

For now, I simply look around for a visitor, an outsider to instill my desire for superiority into, silently breaking them down to mere peons in my imaginary kingdom.

But don't feel bad guys, you'll get the chance to do the same!

In five years, I'll be old enough that being cool will no longer be cool, and you guys can take the reigns on the superficial ego trip.

I remember when I was deciding which school to choose (I only applied to two, so the decision was rather easy), and I came to take a look at UVM.

I walked around with my head up, separated from the 'rents, trying desperately to disguise my high school status.

I remember thinking, "When I'm in college, all these visiting high school students are gonna be such an ego boost to see around."

I sure was right.

Seriously, despite what any of those socialists and peaceniks that you see tabling at Cook Commons say, the best way to feel good about yourself is to feel superior to someone else.

And how easy is that once there's a group amongst us that fits in like a bunch of UVM students at the Million Man March?

Perhaps its just because of my lack of anything going for me that I need to latch on to this base level of educational stratification and ageism, but I feel great every

time I see one of you walking around.

Immediately I become the "model" of a "typical" college student, like in 90210, when they all went to college and hung around at the Peach Pit and acted sophisticated.

I mean, they were cool in high school, too; it is 90210, after all.

But seriously, if Dylan the dropout college student with drug problems had met Dylan the high school kid with family troubles, he probably would have sucker punched him.

The older Dylan was just a lot cooler.

He drove a motorcycle and dated girls that weren't right for him.

He snapped at people, slept late and had no concern for anything but having fun and escaping his demons.

Classic cool.

I'm not saying that I share any of the characteristics of the great Dylan McKay, with the possible exception of good hair, but you get the point.

I'm terribly cool, and no matter what you do, say or even think about, you can't be as cool as I am.

I'm in college, after all, and to quote Kool Keith, "You live at home wit' ya moms."

Thanks, guys.

You're a big help, and I'm really not kidding.

Any time I'm having a bad day, or just need something to make me feel better, you're always there for me.

Remember this when you and your parents pile in the minivan to go back to Connecticut, hurried because your little sister's dance recital can't be missed.

No matter what happened to me last night, or when or where I woke up this morning, you guys are still in high school. HA!

Julian Brizzi is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Check Your Head

I am not for war, but I am so sick of all the anti-war groups on campus. I appreciate the fact that they aren't as apathetic as most of the student body and it's nice to see that they try to get the campus involved. Perhaps, however, their efforts would be more fruitful if these coalitions for peace were not so self-righteous. Yesterday, as I sat reading through the usual fifteen meetings from Keith Rosenthal and friends, I went insane. Keith, I don't know you, but I am going to administer some wisdom to you: The world is not out to get you.

I began reading an e-mail from Keith with the greeting "Friends." Like I said, I don't know Keith personally, I am not his friend and that greeting made me feel like I was reading mail from either a cult or one of those book clubs where you buy 10 books for a dollar, then get raped in having to buy 50 more. That's almost how I see these e-mails; I read one or two and they are so over the top I am forced to read all of them as to see how the lunacy developed.

This particular e-mail discussed how the Patriots for Peace were sabotaging the joint efforts of the other anti-war movements of the SFPGJ, SAW, SPARC, ISO and BAWC. All six groups had mutually resolved to work together for an event next week. I say, "Good for you." I'm happy to see that war has finally brought you all together on an issue (the ONLY issue some of these groups even exist for). Sadly, folks, what some of you may not know is that those damn Patriots are power hungry.

As my friend Keith informed me, they want a bigger logo on the character for the event! I was also told that it had been decided that all the groups would be represented, each organization with equal-sized logos, and "The boss of Patriots for Peace should not have veto power over the decisions of this coalition-led effort." Now, we must all rise up and take a stand against this undemocratic behavior of the Patriots.

Way to stay focused, Keith; they have found nuclear missiles in

Iraq, war is imminent and you are rallying against unequal logos for the anti-war movement. Come on, Dude, wake up. Perhaps this is why so many people seem to be apathetic on this campus. It only appears to be apathy; really it's frustration with unorganized, pompous leadership. I know that some members of these groups must have genuine concern and interest in action and realize that this petty behavior is a huge waste of time. Good luck to you, and thanks for your action in concern.

I just have one question now-how do I delete my name off of a listserve?

Katie Folts is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2006.

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Potentially Fatal Clots To Be Healed Thanks To Study

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The greater concern, however, is the 20 percent risk that a piece of one of these clots may break off, travel through the veins and block blood flow to the lungs, causing breathing problems or even death.

The condition attracted public attention recently following the sudden deaths of "long-haul" airline travelers who were believed to have developed leg clots that became fatal.

Previous to this study's findings, patients who suffered a venous thrombosis episode - called a venous thromboembolism - were treated with a standard anticoagulation therapy: a combination of several days of an intravenous or injected blood thinner followed by 3 to 12

months of full-dose warfarin.

Once the treatment was stopped, however, the blood clots would recur at a rate of 6 to 9 percent per year.

The goal of the PREVENT study was to determine whether long-term use of a lower dosage of warfarin would safely and effectively prevent recurrent venous thrombosis in patients who had completed the standard anticoagulation therapy.

"This is good news for the thousands of people who suffer from deep vein thrombosis," said Cushman.

"Our small center at the University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen enrolled the third highest total of participants out of all 52 sites involved in the study, and we are proud that our academic medical center was able to play a key

role in research that will have an impact on how we care for our patients."

Approximately 1200 people in Vermont suffer from deep vein thrombosis annually.

The condition most commonly occurs in individuals aged 60 years or older.

Among those at risk for developing this condition are those with obesity, diabetes, or cancer; people with inherited blood conditions; pregnant women or women who take oral contraceptives or hormone replacement therapy; and individuals who have had surgery or suffered a bone fracture.



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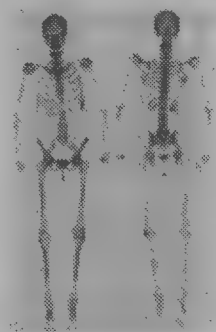
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UVM Geologists Publish Interesting Study On Mountain Orogeny

Continued From Front

Of particular interest is how Rushmer and Klepeis integrated the results of their field observations with laboratory and experimental techniques.

"Experimental geologists usually don't spend much time in the field," explains Klepeis.

But Rushmer did, collecting structural samples, testing them in the laboratory and providing feedback to Klepeis and his field geology team.

This approach, according to Klepeis, reflects a growing trend among geologists to overlap areas of study rather than to specialize in one area - for example, as a field biologist, experimentalist or modeler.

"The boundaries between disciplines in geology are disappearing," he said.

In April, Klepeis and Rushmer will host an international meeting in New Zealand where colleagues from around the world will share information and conduct further research.

Travel costs for students (including two UVM graduate students of geology) will be underwritten by a second National Science Foundation grant.

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Presidential And Vice-Presidential Candidate Bios

This week Cynic is running bios of candidates for the posts of President and Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Next week the Cynic will officially endorse one candidate for president and one for Vice-president. All candidates were asked the same question:

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE CURRENTLY FACING UVM?

Here are their responses.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

NAME: Dave Laman
YEAR: Sophomore
COLLEGE: Arts and Science
MAJOR: Political Science

: The biggest problem facing our university is the lack of community. I believe that by improving student's experience at UVM, we can create a happier student body, which will pull our university together. Little, everyday things need to be changed, whether its parking, security, food, club space, or going downtown, our students need to experience all UVM has to offer without having to worry about all of these things, that should never have been a problem in the first place. Happy students re good students and I will strive toward that goal as SGA Vice President.

NAME: Bryce James
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Science
MAJOR: Political Science

: The development of a new commission on diversity which still leaves a hierarchy of oppression firmly in place at UVM.

NAME: Lena Darnall
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Sciences
MAJOR: Political Science

: While I think there are many important issues currently facing UVM, I believe they are all linked to a general lack of communication and understanding. The majority of our problems would be greatly diminished, or altogether disappear if students rights and needs were listened to. The most important areas where communication should be increased are: between students and police services, groups like LGBTA Free to Be, ALANA and students/administration, UVM and downtown, and finally students and the administration.

NAME: Bob Fulton
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Sciences
MAJOR: Political Science and History

: Relations with the city of Burlington.

NAME: Wes Tank-Day
YEAR: Sophomore
COLLEGE: Business Administration
MAJOR: Business

: The biggest problem facing UVM is a lack of communication between students, administration and the Student Government. If we increase communication, we

will increase active club participation and in turn decrease student apathy. This will allow the campus as a whole to become more involved, therefore making everyone's tenure here at UVM the best it could be.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

NAME: Joseph Thibault
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Science
MAJOR: Political Science

: The most important issue facing UVM is how disconnected from the university the students feel. Many students have expressed to me that they do not feel as if their voices are listened to on campus. The student body is a valuable resource that is most in tune with the problems here at UVM. The most important issues at UVM are those expressed by the individual students I have talked with. I will continue to work closely with UVM clubs and students to make the overall college experience better.

NAME: Tim Allen
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Science
MAJOR: Economics, Sociology

: We must close the communication gap in order for students to be empowered through having their concerns effectively addressed. SGA needs to be far more accessible to honor its commitment to working for the students.

Cynical Inquisition

Compiled By Dustin Sigler

What are you giving up for Lent?

NAME: Jon Mruz
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Sciences
MAJOR: Political Science

: The University of Vermont is currently going through a number of significant changes. We must stand up to the administration and be sure that the student perspective is heard and considered in all matters that pertain directly to the student body. Issues concerning diversity, a university wide Honors College, relations with the city of Burlington, campus safety, and a new student center will be at the forefront of this battle.

NAME: Sanjeev P. Yadav
YEAR: Junior
COLLEGE: Arts and Sciences
MAJOR: Psychology

: Increasing fun on campus through large events and a pub. Also, taking action to defend the interests of the student body vis a vis the City of Burlington.



"Going to class."
Micah Rabin, 2005



"Gingerale"
Zara Eldridge, 2005



"Greg Murphy"
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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Mick,

As I sit surrounded by the general filth that is my studio apartment, I have few thoughts that stray from the glory that is Mick Jackson. Your child's name is Blanket. Blanket's a cool name. When I have a child I'm going to name it "Wool/Cotton Covering". Since the international news media constantly hounds me and my family, my child might need to stay at your house every once in a while. I think

the press should back off. I once held a baby over a balcony covered by a towel, and I didn't hear anyone complaining. They did get mad when I dropped the baby though. Oh well, nobody's perfect, not even former funny man Andrew Dice Clay

(although he is as close as possible to being perfect).

I've been working on a new dance I think you should incorporate into your performances. First you scream the word "Punishment". After that you start doing a windmill with your arms. The dance ends with an effigy burning (any effigy will do, preferably a 'rough' representation of the lead singer of Wilco). I liked your rebuttal to the completely slanted story ABC ran on you. I hate ABC! I hate them so much! Sometimes I get so angry I have to go to sleep.

Sometimes I get lonely too. Sometimes 'children' want to share my bed when I'm sleeping. They'd probably tell me I had a problem, just because I like to sleep! Enough about me. Can I get

an autographed picture of you and Blanket?

Thriller is incredible. That's what my friend Bojangles told me. I've never heard it, but I plan on listening to it sometime. Why are people obsessed with your appearance? You've obviously had very little plastic surgery. I was thinking of getting my legs redone. Some people say they look "freakish, and unnatural in the extreme". I understand what it's like to be different and famous.

I've also been working in the studio a lot lately. Me and Nugent are probably going to cut a record any day now. It'll probably wind up being an electronic album. You know Nuge, always fooling around with electronic music!

Sometimes it's hard to work with him. He's very moody. You should sing on the album! Would you consider doing an a capella version of Neil Young's 1983 bomb shell "Everybody's Rockin'"? Actually, maybe you shouldn't sing on the album. Yeah, I just changed my mind, you shouldn't be on the album.

My friend Bojangles just told me I'll never get Nuge to sing on the album. I think he's wrong. Nuge and me go way back. I have to go now. Goodbye.

You owe me,
Nicholas "Nico" Green

Next Week's Letter:
Tom Arnold

Nicholas Green, a.k.a. Nico Green, resents the criticism he recieved last week from a random stranger. This stranger berated Nicholas for his clothing choice. Specifically his decision to wear a fruit roll-up as pants.

Michael Jackson



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Mullet Hunt: A True Story

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

A Wisconsin waterfall. A '7'. 10-90 (changes in numbers proportion to the amount of hair on top and in the back), manny, ape drape, beaver paddle, Canadian passport, yep-nope. All synonyms for a dangerous hairstyle known as a mullet (pronounced MU-Lay).

Mullets exist in a dark world, one where reason and logic do not apply. A world where human life is cheap and violence is common; a world where a man does what he must to survive. This was the world I planned to enter, to identify and document the "Wild Mullet".

It was with these thoughts in mind that I began my hunt. I walked through the doors of the UVM truck stop and spotted my first specimen. Physical characteristics: humble in the front, decadent in the back. Decadent indeed; so decadent in fact, I began to rethink my mission. The mullet was hunched over a can of cold cream corn, no doubt guarding his meal from other would be robber mullets.

I considered my options: Approach the 'mullet enabled', and hope to establish a dialogue (if successful this approach would be a groundbreaking 'first contact' between a Mullet Hunter and an 'enabled'). Walk away and count myself one of the lucky few who witnessed a wild mullet in all

its raw, powerful glory, without any serious injuries sustained from the mullet. Trick the mullet into giving me a five dollar bill and a high-five. After considering my options, I decided to trick the mullet into handing over a fiver and a slap of skin.

I'd have to be careful, the situation was precarious. I cleared my mind, took a deep breath, and a step towards destiny. One, two, three, four steps to the mullet.

around and suddenly I realized, I was surrounded by miles and miles of mullets. I had gone too far chasing this mullet. I was now in mullet country, undeniably hostile terrain. Panic covered me like a thick fog.

I was out of options. I grabbed the can of cream corn and flung it into an idle pack of mullets. The cream corn didn't really hit anyone so much as it covered every mullet in the crowd. The situation was tense. They wanted to know who had thrown the cream corn, and they wanted to know immediately. Blood was on their mind, my blood.

I did the only thing I could do - I walked over to the mullets and identified the lone Mullet as the perpetrator of the crime. This is where I blacked out. The court record confirmed what I believe happened: The mullets tore the

lone mullet apart in a hurricane of hair, blood, and, cold cream corn. I apparently ran out of the truck stop, but tripped over what forensics experts believe was an unconscious mullet that bore a striking similarity to T.V.'s Tony Danza. I woke up sweating, but alive.

Although I am a formally trained mullet hunter, I was lucky to escape with my life. Do not under any circumstances approach a mullet in the wild, for your own safety. Leave the hunting to the professionals.



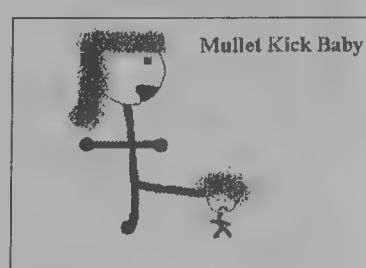
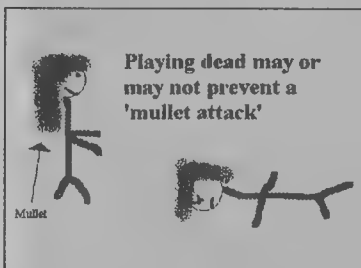
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We can easily see from these photos the dangerously natural progression a 'regular' cut makes when allowed to continue unchecked.

"Hello," I began "Easy...Easy...I'm not going to hurt you. You're safe. No one's going to hurt you here." The Mullet began to smile. A risky introduction that paid off, another industry first. "What are you staring at?" the Mullet inquired.

The Mullet was becoming aggressive. The Mullet then sneezed (this is a warning, usually followed by a hyper violent in the Mullet known as 'berserker mode'). The situation was rapidly deteriorating; I was losing control of the situation. I began shifting my weight side to side, front to back in an effort to confuse the mullet. This only angered the mullet more. "Can I help you?" the Mullet barked.

This was the final indicator; the Mullet was about to attack. My mission had gone critical, and I needed a way out. I looked



The Fleming Museum Presents: Lou Reed

The Fleming Museum and Borderline Irreverent Productions announce a rare performance by the legendary leader of The Velvet Underground, Lou Reed. The concert is an extension of the Fleming Museum's public programming for the exhibition Andy Warhol Work and Play, which recently brought Warhol collaborator and poet Gerard Malanga to the

Fleming Museum and will present poet and Warhol "Superstar" Taylor Mead on April 13. Warhol collaborated with The Velvet Underground during the mid-1960s in a multimedia extravaganza billed as The Exploding Plastic Inevitable. This historical collaboration was the Museum's impetus to invite Lou Reed to the University of Vermont campus.

Reed will be performing



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Wednesday, March 12 at 8:00 pm in the Ira Allen Chapel. Tickets are \$39 and \$49. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the Fleming Museum Store and can be purchased with cash, and/or credit cards Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Information (802) 656-0750.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Waaaahhh! Why can't my horoscope be first?! Waaaahhh! Happy now, jerk off? Door knob, bicycle, vacuum cleaner.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

Fill it with love, then shake. Whatever you do, don't call 'it' CINDER KIT. If you do, it will fail miserably. Uh oh, C.K. Looks like this is another accurate horoscope. Look at yourself, wow.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You're very bad at math. I'll prove it. You thought 669-600=love. You were right.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Leather and pain. A horse has a mane. In Seattle it might rain. When it comes to politics you should refrain. When it comes to humanity you're a stain.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Try working on your love life this week. How about a couple of strippers, a handfull of roofies, and, a reason? Because that would be like every other Tuesday night in New Jersey. I made a mistake! It would be like every night in New Jersey!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Dicaprio. Black coffee makes a man strong. Raw red meat makes him smile. Unfortunately he has asthma and a collection of electronic music, and it's not a steak that makes him smile.

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Don't take horoscopes seriously. Take them very seriously. You should also take your lack of acceptable behavior seriously. Think bolonga.

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

You think women understand you? Well actually they do, but not in the 'good way'.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

A rubber circle is a tire. An ice circle is a rink. A sugar circle is a donut. A happiness circle is a part of a game called "Lucky Cookie", where EVERYONE wins! Especially the person who loses.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

I'm born in December, which makes me better than you. You know what also makes me better than you? I don't enjoy sliding down the fireman pole everyday. I heard you also like hanging out in open graves. You do. I guess you could say you like the pole and the hole!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's called flubber and it'll change your life. It's a called greasy lunch and it'll change your campaign.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

It's a way of life not a band. I'll follow Tower of Power anywhere! Look away...

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SGA Response to Proposed President's Commission on Diversity

Whereas "Our Common Ground" at the University of Vermont is based upon the values of respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice and responsibility;

Whereas all members of the UVM community deserve equal support and representation;

Whereas "diversity" has many meanings and categories including, but certainly not limited to, race, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, sex status, disability status, religion, political affiliation, economic status, and age;

Whereas many individuals within the UVM community identify with more than one diverse group or population;

Whereas President Fogel has proposed a Commission on Diversity which will primarily focus on race-related issues;

Whereas there is an immense number of diversity issues beyond race on UVM campus which deserve attention and concern;

Whereas there is not a commission which effectively represents all diverse populations at UVM and addresses issues of social justice such as discrimination, marginalization, exclusion, and oppression;

Be it resolved that the Student Government Association implores President Fogel to expand the focus of the proposed President's Commission on Diversity to address all issues of social justice, human rights, and equity on campus;

Be it further resolved that the Student Government Association strongly advises President Fogel to utilize the proposed President's Commission on Diversity as an avenue to strive towards greater understanding and acceptance on our campus through the recognition and education of all students, staff and faculty regarding diversity issues;

Be it further resolved that the Student Government Association encourages the creation of subcommittees within the proposed President's Commission on Diversity to further address all issues of social justice and opportunities for education and community building in our campus community.

Standards of Excellence Awards

Cynic Staff Report

By Lindsay Budnik

Six houses in UVM's Greek System have been recognized for their positive work on and off campus during the fall semester of 2002 with the Standards of Excellence award. The award, issued by the Department of Student Life, acknowledges Greek houses that have excelled in 10 different categories:

Academics (house must have a semester grade point average of at least 3.1), Scholarship Programs, Community Service, Alumni/Advisor Support, Campus Involvement, Alternative Social Programming (sponsoring non-alcoholic social activities,) Individual Member Involvement (members involved in at least one extracurricular organization outside the Greek System), Fiscal Management, and Creative

Thinking (innovative activities that do not fall into the above categories). The award honors the houses that have submitted documentation to the Department of Student Life that demonstrates accomplishments in the various categories.

Four sororities and two fraternities were distinguished with the award. Among the sororities include: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, and Pi Beta Phi. Alpha Epsilon Pi and Phi Delta Theta were the recognized fraternities. Alpha Delta Pi sorority was recognized for Academic Excellence and Individual Involvement on campus; Alpha Chi Omega sorority for academic excellence; Delta Delta Delta sorority for Individual Involvement; and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity for Community Service.

Club highlight: The Newest UVM Club, Table Tennis!

Commentary: Dov Pechenick

Near the beginning of the 2002 Fall Semester I began my quest for some sort of club, organization, or gathering on campus devoted to table tennis. My search would take me from the servers that hold the SGA website, through the campus to buildings and dorms, and to the

single largest sports facility on this campus: Patrick Gymnasium.

What I found included a few scattered ping pong tables over the campus and pairs of students playing here and there. I, along with others, decided

something more concrete was in order. My two devoted officers, Shaun Chu and Rachel Hanish, and I have worked over the last four months at creating a club from scratch for the student body here at UVM. Our goal is to welcome everyone regardless of skill or experience, and the more inter-

est that's out there, the more fun we'll have.

And that's what it's all about, you see, having fun. That's the drive behind all the work we've been doing to set up the club. We want you to have fun if you are interested in ping pong as a sport or game, and we want to have fun ourselves.

So what are we doing to accomplish this? There's a saying in real estate that the three most important things regarding a house are "location, location, location." I've found that some-

thing similar can be said for table tennis: "equipment, equipment, equipment." This school needs tables—pure and simple. And we are getting them. We are not a club until we get tables, and everyone involved is determined to make us a club. The funding process is underway at this very moment and tables will be bought as soon as possible. When we have them, all tables we acquire will be stored behind the tennis courts in the gym and used on the courts themselves.

And once we have tables in the gym: what next? The answer is anything you want. One of my ideas includes hosting tournaments—both intra- and intercollegiate (one of which may grace our doors within the next two months, in fact). Another is to have clinics led by experienced Vermont players. The world is open to us once we have established a solid base of operations. We could create a competitive team to compete with colleges around the country. We can bus individuals around New England to tournaments.

We want to know what you want to do. So, we invite you to show up and hang out with us on a Wednesday or Friday evening in the Harris/Millis lounge (7:00 pm). It's always a cozy gathering, and we'd love to meet new people. You can stay for as long or short as you want, and we'll be sure that you get to play. How easy is it to make a difference in your school's community, you wonder. Well, this is it folks. And what more fun way to do it than a game of ping pong?

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Pi Beta Phi was acknowledged for five out of the ten categories, including Alumni/Advisor Support, Campus Involvement, Individual Involvement, Greek Council Participation, and Community Service. Phi Delta Theta fraternity was recognized for six out of the ten categories, including Scholarship Program, Alumni Advisor Support, Individual Involvement, Greek Council Participation, Community Service, and Alternative Social Programming.

For many members, the award reiterates why they are proud to be part of the Greek System.

"I think it is wonderful that we were not the only house to receive

an honor of this sort," said Shawna Wells, President of Delta Delta Delta sorority. "It just goes to show you how important and strong the Greek System can actually be!"

"Our chapter prides itself on scholarship, community service and individuality," said Shanna Eisner, President of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

"Our members are very involved in both the UVM and Burlington communities. We have representatives on SGA, Senior Class Council, TOWERR, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, AdvoCats, and many other clubs and societies."

Melisa Dybbro, Assistant Director of Greek Life

and Campus Programs, believes the Standards of Excellence award embodies what Greek life is all about.

"Standards of Excellence is the foundation of Greek life," said Dybbro.

"If you don't know what it means to be Greek, then the award criteria gives you the true meaning of Greek life."

Lady Cats Defeat Albany To Sweep This Weekend

Continued from back

Albany (9-17, 3-12), which has lost five straight, led 26-24 with 3:57 remaining in the first half but Vermont went on a 9-4 run to close out the half. UVM drained three consecutive three pointers, one each by Spinka, who had a career-high 11 points, Theresa LaRocque, who scored 12 of her 15 points in the first half, and Cressman. Cressman would add another bucket as the Catamounts entered halftime with a 33-30 advantage.

Vermont (19-6, 11-3), which has won nine-straight league games and seven in a row overall, held a slim 43-40 lead with 13:50 left in regulation. Spinka sparked a 13-4 run with a conventional three-point play and allowed UVM to take a 56-44 lead with 8:02 remaining in the game.

Albany closed the gap to eight with 5:13 remaining on a lay up by Danielle Hutcheson, who

scored a season-high 20 points and added nine rebounds, to make the score 60-52. Albany wouldn't get any closer as Vermont pulled away over the final minutes for the 17-point victory.

Senior Jess McGinlay was Albany's only other player in double figures with 10 points. After shooting 56.5% in the first half, Vermont was able to hold the Great Danes to 33.3% shooting in the second half and outscore Albany 42-28 in the second stanza.

Vermont returns to action Wednesday when it hosts rival Maine at 7:00pm at Patrick Gym. Maine clinched the America East Regular Season Title and the #1 seed in the upcoming America East Tournament on Saturday with a 68-63 victory at Hartford. Wednesday's game will mark the final regular season home game for seniors Morgan Hall and Dawn Cressman.

Brett Weir Continued

I knew I could skip college and go straight to the tour but I apparently needed "something to fall back on."

While at UVM, I was forced to get a low paying, humiliating job as a Sandwich Artist at Subway. I will never forgive my parents for making me take that job. It was there that all my hopes and dreams were shattered, all my hard work and target practice was just swept down the drain like shredded lettuce that fell out of a turkey club. It was early in the morning and I was loading the meat bins for the day. "Catch!" a fellow employee said to me as he threw three pounds of solid roast beef at me. I spun around and had no other option but to catch it in my right arm. I heard a snap, a tear and a crunch and I knew right then that it was all over. I had dislocated my shoulder and torn nearly every muscle in my arm.

I would never throw straight again or compete on the Embassy World Tour. I stayed in my room with the lights out for weeks into months. Only today am I able to talk about it in public when I make speeches about the importance of skipping college if you feel you have the slightest hint of talent. I know what I once could have been, and what I am now: A washed up darts player with a college education. Shivers.

Cats Out of the Playoffs

Continued from back

With the loss, the Catamounts finish the regular season in 10th place in the ECAC standings, and will play at Clarkson in a best-of-three series next Friday, Saturday and Sunday (if necessary). The winner of that series will then play one of the top four seeds for a spot in the ECAC Championships at the Pepsi Arena in Albany.

The other first-round playoff matchups are: #12 Princeton at #5 Brown; #11 Rensselaer at #6 Union; and #9 St. Lawrence at #8 Colgate. Cornell finished as the top seed, with Harvard second, Dartmouth third and Yale fourth. The four top seeds get first-round byes.

Rensselaer, 10-23-3 overall and 4-15-3 in the ECAC, took a 1-0 lead on the power play at the 7:40 mark of the opening period when Eric Cavosie scored his first goal of the year from the near slot, lifting a backhand over the shoulder of Vermont goaltender Shawn Conschafter. Nolan Graham and Ryan Shields assisted on the tally.

Vermont, 11-18-3 and 8-14-0, had a number of solid scoring chances in the opening 20 minutes, out-shooting Rensselaer 12-7 in the frame, with junior Jeff Miles getting at four good shots on Nathan Marsters. The Engineers kept the Catamounts bottled up in their own end for much of the final

10 minutes, though, and Conschafter kept it close with a number of outstanding saves, including two on RPI's leading scorer, freshman Kevin Croxton.

Early in the second period, Vermont tied the score at 1-1 with a power-play goal of their own at the 4:45 mark. Miles ripped a shot on Marsters, who kicked the rebound into the slot where Bryson Busniuk banged in his second goal in as many games and his seventh of the season. Miles and Thomas Hajek assisted on the goal.

Rensselaer scored their second power-play tally of the evening midway through the second when Graham pocketed his seventh of the season from the slot to the right of Conschafter. Cavosie and Danny Eberly assisted on the goal, and the Engineers took a 2-1 lead into the locker room after the second period.

In the third, Cavosie scored his second of the game at 6:59 on the power play before Vermont's John Longo scored a short-handed goal at 12:07, with assists going to Miles and Busniuk, to make it 3-2. Croxton finished out the scoring late in the game, nailing his 14th of the year unassisted to give the Engineers a two-goal advantage, which they carried for the remainder of the game. Conschafter had 27 saves for the Catamounts, while Marsters stopped 28 for Rensselaer.

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College Ruined My Career

By BRETT WEIR

West Coast Cynic Sports Analyst

I was cutting branches off of my orange tree in the back yard while thinking about the state of the NBA. As sad as it may be, Michael is on his way out and paving a path for up and coming stars. People like Tracy McGrady, Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett are all completely dominant on their teams. All of these guys are also in a race for the scoring title and MVP honors.

Just then I had an epiphany and bolted up nearly severing my right index finger with which I type this column. All three of those players whose salaries exceed the GDP of many small countries have attended as many college classes as my six-year old brother, combined. That would be none.

All of this thought of success right out of high school brought shivers down my spine and it had nothing to do with the neighbor who was spraying me with her hose as I tried to steal lemons from her tree. No, this brought me back to my days as a senior in high school when I was a highly recruited and sought after Darts player.

As a kid I just played in my basement with my dad until I started beating him and his friends. I would do trick shots like throwing with my feet while I was blind folded and behind the back while doing the Moon Walk and singing "Thriller". It became my niche.

When I was 11 my dad brought me to a darts hall and we hustled every guy in the place (this columnist does not promote gambling in any way but does promote taking money from cocky adults). It was there that a writer for Darts World Magazine first saw me and gave me his card. Three months later I was on the cover and swimming in stardom.

From age 11 on I knew I wanted to be a pro dart thrower. I dreamt about it, I ate with it, I went to school with it on my mind all day. I couldn't play for money or accept gifts because that would jeopardize my eligibility as an amateur. I started a team at my high school and since no other school had a team, we played against ourselves.

I would receive Christmas cards and gift baskets from all of the dart throwing hot spots like Milwaukee, Duluth and Little Rock. All of these places wanted me to go to their area right out of high school and represent their city on the Embassy World tour.

One morning I woke up and in my driveway sat a "new" Ford Escort with the license plate that said BLZEYE. The car had 137,000 miles on it and it was missing a hub cap. I got a call later that day from the Buffalo, New York manager of a dart hall and he told me to play it off like it was a birthday present. "But it isn't even my birthday and the car doesn't even start," I said.

But knowing the right thing for me, my parents sent me kicking and screaming to a school where my fame wouldn't overshadow my academics, UVM.

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Hartford Clips Vermont, Look To Take Albany

Sophomore Taylor Coppentrath scored 19 points, including the 1,000th of his career, but it wasn't enough as the Catamounts dropped a 64-61 decision at Hartford.

With the loss Vermont falls to 10-5 in the conference eliminating any chance the Catamounts had to win their second-straight America East regular season championship.

"This was a great college basketball game and will get us ready for the upcoming tournament," commented Vermont coach Tom Brennan. "We need to go home and focus on trying to secure second place."

Coppentrath scored 12 of his points, including a pair of three-pointers, early on as Vermont jumped out to a 20-13 lead. The Hawks answered, backed by 10 points by Ryan Stys, and took a 37-34 lead at the half.

After Hartford went ahead, 47-40, five minutes into the second half, Mike Goia turned the game around for the Catamounts. Goia scored 13 straight points for Vermont in a 13-7 run over a five-minute span that drew the Cats even, 54-54, with 8:29 to go. Two minutes later, a Coppentrath free throw put UVM ahead, 59-54, before five free throws by the

Hawks tied it up at 59 with 4:50 to go. Coppentrath scored on an inside move - his 1,000 and 1001 career points - to put Vermont up 61-59 with 3:31 left.

But Vermont, hampered by three turnovers, could not score the rest of the way and Hartford took the lead for good on a three-pointer by Stys with 1:01 to go. After attempts to tie by Coppentrath and Goia missed, Junior Amous closed it out with a pair of free throws with three seconds left.

Coppentrath, who went eight-for-14 from the floor, became the 25th Catamount to score 1,000 points and joined Eddie Benton '96 as the only players at UVM to reach the level as sophomores. In scoring 1,000 in his 54th game, Coppentrath became the third quickest at Vermont behind Benton (40th game) and Clyde Lord '57, who scored his 1,000th point in his 51st game.

Goia, seven-for-11 from the floor and four-for-seven from three-point range, also finished with 19 to tie his career-high. Matt Sheftic added 10 and Grant Anderson had nine rebounds.

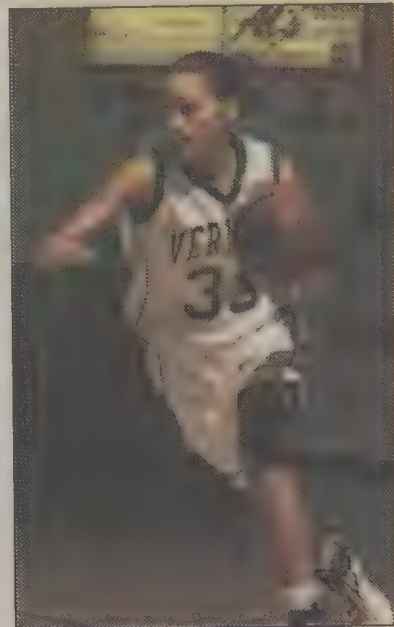
The Cats then took on Albany in the regular season finale at the Patrick Gym on Sunday afternoon.

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Lady Cats Dominate Hartford, 64-61

Morgan Hall played her hardest on Wednesday, Feb. 26 scoring 27 points and 10 rebounds. Hall was 11-for-11 from the stripe on the evening. The Lady Cats went on to defeat both Hartford and Albany this past weekend.

Photo Courtesy Sports Info



Senior Morgan Hall posted her fifth double-double of the season with a game-highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead Vermont past visiting Hartford, 64-61, at Patrick Gym.

The win was the Catamounts second victory in the last five meetings with the Hawks and snapped a three-game losing streak to Hartford.

The victory also extended Vermont's win-streak to eight straight America East wins and six overall.

Vermont jumped out to a quick seven point lead, 12-5, with 12:23 left in the first half. The Catamounts would extend their lead to 12 (22-10) on four straight free-throws as the Hartford bench was charged with a technical foul. Hartford responded with an 8-0 run to cut the lead to two, 24-22, with 3:58 remaining.

UVM would push its lead back to six on a three-pointer by Dawn Cressman with 1:41 left in the half, but a lay-up by Angie Pezzetta and a two straight lay-ups by Cheri Eleazer tied up the game at 29-29 as the two teams headed into the locker room.

In the second half a three-pointer by Tiffany Spinka gave Vermont a 40-31 lead with 16:18 left in the game.

Hartford would cut Vermont's lead to one on six different occasions, including freshman Erika Messam's jumper with 1:33 left to make the score 62-61.

Hall was 11-for-11 from the stripe on the evening. Pezzetta's last-second three-point attempt didn't hit the rim as time expired. Junior Aaron Yantzi chipped in 15 points and five rebounds, while Cressman finished the night with 11 points and five boards for Vermont.

Eleazer lead the Hawks with 14 points and five rebounds. Messam chipped in 13 points and five assists, while Pezzatta added 10 points for Hartford.

The Catamounts returned to action Saturday in Albany as Hall scored a game-high 24 points to lead Vermont to a 75-58 win.

With the win, Vermont clinched the #2 seed in the upcoming America East Tournament, while the Great Danes were denied a spot on the tourney with the loss.

Union Defeats UVM, 5-3

Union scored four unanswered goals in the third period to erase a 3-1 deficit in a 5-3 win over Vermont Friday in ECAC Division I men's ice hockey action at Achilles Rink.

Vermont, 11-17-3 overall and 9-13-0 in ECAC play, can not host a playoff series after Friday night's results.

The two teams played to a scoreless but entertaining first period that saw just one penalty but plenty of chances by both teams. Vermont's Shawn Conschafter made nine saves in the opening 20 minutes, none better than a close-in stop on defenseman Randy Dagenais with less than 20 seconds left.

Union, 14-15-4 overall and 10-9-2 in the ECAC, took a 1-0 lead with a shorthanded goal by Nathan Gillies at 7:08 of the second period, but Vermont answered with a goal of its own just 20 seconds later off the stick of Bryson Busniuk. Busniuk pounced on a rebound of a shot by Jeff Miles, with Scott Mifsud also assisting on the goal, his sixth of the season.

Just 2:10 later, Vermont took a 2-1 lead when Miles scored his team-leading 18th of the year from Busniuk and John Longo. And at 12:33, the Catamounts scored their third unanswered goal of the period when Joey Gasparini nailed his fourth of the campaign from Brady Leisenring and Ben Driver. In the third, Union made it 3-2 on Kris Goodjohn's goal at 7:16, and then got one goal from Chris DiStefano and two from Matt Vogvolgyi in the final eight minutes to make for the 5-3 final. Vermont had two

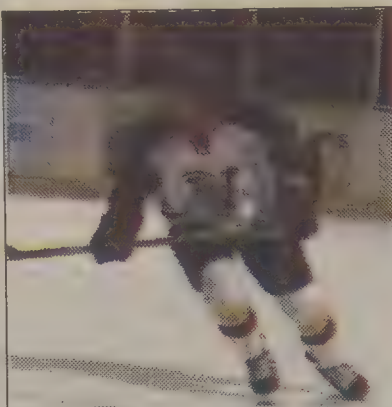


Photo Courtesy Sports Info
Jeff Miles during game last Friday

excellent scoring opportunities, with Leisenring involved in both. Midway through the period, Leisenring went one-on-one with a Union defenseman, beating him between the legs before going hard to the net and getting a shot on Dutchmen netminder Tim Roth while on his back. Roth made the save, and Gasparini got a good rebound shot off from between the circles that Roth also blocked.

The second good chance for the Catamounts came with 5:43 left when Leisenring made another great move at the Union blue line and tried to go low between the pads of Roth, who shut the door just in time.

Conschafter had 33 saves for the Catamounts, while Roth stopped 11 for Union.

The Cats then took on Rensselaer and took a 4-2 loss in the final regular-season game for both teams Saturday at Houston Field House. Eric Cavosie scored two goals as the Engineers scored three power-play goals in their

Kostiew Wins New England Title For Weight Throw

Catamount junior Kristal Kostiew won her second New England individual title over the weekend, setting a new facility record in winning the 20-pound weight throw at the New England Championships.

Kostiew, a nine-time America East individual champion, is also the defending New England champion in the hammer throw outdoors. The UVM record-holder in the 20-pound weight, Kostiew set a new facility record with a winning throw of 61-4-3/4 to highlight the weekend for the Catamounts. Her teammate Sara Lovell, seeded seventh coming into the meet, took a huge step forward with a second-place finish in the event (53-7) while also finishing 10th in the shot put (43-1-1/2).

Kostiew followed up her

record-setting performance in the weight throw with a fifth-place finish in the shot put (46-0).

Anne Morrison finished fifth in the pole vault with a 11-5-3/4 effort. Marge Bolton placed 12th in the 5,000 meters at 18:31.30. As a team, Vermont finished 10th with 26 points. Twenty-seven teams competed in the championship meet.

Director of Track and Field Ed Kusiak will now bring five student-athletes to the ECAC Championships Saturday and Sunday at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, Mass. Kostiew and Lovell will compete in the shot put and weight throw, while Michele Palmer will run the 5,000, junior captain Tee Gingras will compete in the 1,000 and Morrison will go in the pole vault.

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SO A BILLIONS TODAY TOMORROW VOTE NOW! CHECK OUT WHO WE'RE VOTING FOR. ETC.

Five Presidential and Four Vice-Presidential Candidates Duke It Out for SGA Leadership

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

A pub on campus, cleaning up the environment, helping to foster diversity. These are just some of the ideas of the four presidential and five vice-presidential candidates for the Student Government Association's executive elections.

The presidential candidates are as follows: Tim Allen. John Mruz, Joe Thibault and Sanjeev Yadav. The vice-presidential candidates are as follows: Bryce James, Wes Tank-Day, Dave Laman, Bob Fulton and Lena Darnell.

The elections, which are being held today and tomorrow, will be taking place in Bailey/Howe library.

Every student is eligible to vote, as long they have their student ID with them. There seems to be more diversity this year in the candidate's platforms and



Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor
Sanjeev Yadav answers questions from his contemporaries.

backgrounds. Yadav is not a current member of the SGA, and both Yadav and Allen are not members of the Greek system, which have been common backgrounds of recent SGA Presidents

in the past. Darnell is also running alone, which is uncommon, as most candidates campaign with a running mate.

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In God Bush Trusts

By JEFF HASTINGS
Cynic Staff Writer

President George W. Bush is a religious man. Even beyond ending his speeches, like every previous president, with, "God Bless America", religion, in no small way, has made him the man—husband, father, world-leader—that he is today.

The separation of Church and State is one of America's most prized constitutional principles, but the influence that religion has over the men and women who run the state can not be denied.

In 1985 George W. Bush was not a governor or a president, he was simply a man living in Texas with two young daughters and a struggling marriage. He joined a non-denominational bible-study group for guidance. It was a group of ten men meeting weekly to study and thoroughly discuss the New Testament. By 1986 he had fixed one of the main strains

on his marriage—he quit drinking. 17 years later he is the President of the United States at a time when national security has not felt so insecure since the Cold War.

A time where the American people need complete faith in their president and government. And faith is exactly what President Bush asks for.

"There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don't know we don't know," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told reporters concerning questions asked about the War on Terror.

The American government admits that it does not know everything, but it posits that decisions have to be made.

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Confrontational Die-In Recieved With Mixed Feelings By Students

By CATHLEEN MURRAY
Contributing Writer

Monday, March third, Billings cafeteria is packed with students eating lunch, talking, and laughing. These students have no idea that in fifteen minutes the Students for Peace and Global Justice will stage a "Die-In"—a peaceful protest where students, dressed in black, will fall down and pretend to die.

It's supposed to increase people's awareness of the consequences of war. It's supposed to be shocking. It's supposed to be sad. It's supposed to educate people in a way they normally wouldn't be educated.

At noon a student walks into the room dressed in black. He sets a green canvas bag down at a table in the corner, visually sweeps the room, and strides back out the entrance leaving his bag at the empty table.

Three more students dressed in black walk into the cafeteria. One of them drops a stack of anti-

war protest flyers onto a table in the center of the room.

Seven more students clad in black, heads held high, walk into the room. Students wearing black bandanas, black sweatshirts, and black jeans begin walking around the large dining hall, awaiting their signal.

Students look up from their lunches. Conversation lowers. Senior David Hicks enters the room wearing a black hat—a thick piece of duct tape covering the logo. Underneath a green fleece he's wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, WAR=DEATH scrawled across the back in silver tape.

He sits at a table and looks out at the nervous crowd with piercing blue eyes. "These people are getting pretty sketched out." He laughs, "They probably think we're a bunch of anarchists." The protesters spread around the cafeteria.

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Turkey's Role Still Unclear In Possible War With Iraq

By CARLY BALDWIN
Cynic Staff Writer

The Turkish cabinet met for six hours straight, debating whether or not to allow the U.S. to use Turkey as a "launch pad" for troops. The highly contested American suggestion was to station 62,000 troops in Turkey and then launch them into Iraq in the event of a possible war. Turkey, which borders Iraq to its southeast, would receive 5 billion dollars in grants and then an additional 10 billion in loans if they complied with the U.S. offer.

Just this past Saturday, March 1st, Turkey's parliament suddenly threw out the proposal, a move few had anticipated. Apparently, the plan was too controversial of an issue and no real national decision could be made on the matter. Officials report that the bill was only three votes short of being passed. As of this past Monday, March 3rd, an agreement had still not be met as to whether or not to re-evaluate the rejected bill.

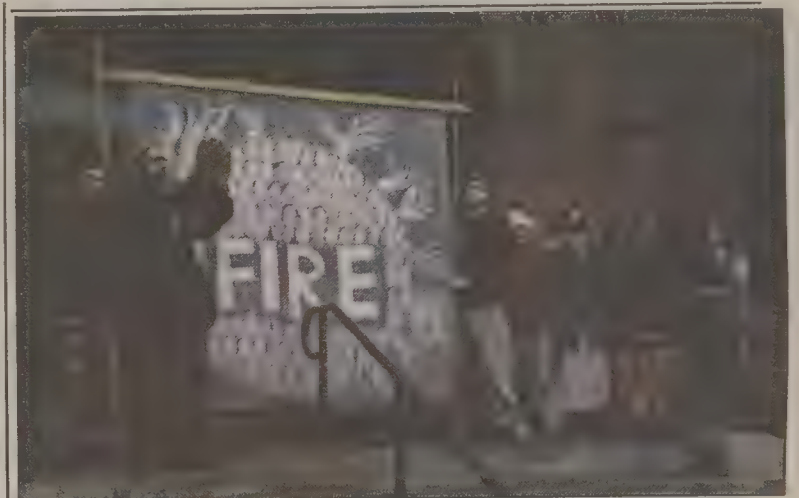
The entire country seemed to be divided on the issue of assisting the U.S. in building a war against Iraq. Turkey's economy is weakening and the U.S. offer of 15 billion dollars is very attractive to many. Sources say that Turkey would most likely approve of the proposal if the

U.S. gave further compensation. Still many feel that Turkey's position on the issue is not so superficial. Anti-war sentiment in Turkey has steadily mounted over the past few months, culminating in a huge demonstration in Ankara, with anti-war protestors chanting: "We are all Iraqis. We will not kill, we will not die."

A possible war could damage Turkey's already delicate economy and, in event of an attack, Turkey would have the burden of tens of thousand Iraqi refugees. Turkish prime minister Abdullah Gul also fears that Iraq will launch a counterattack. Yet he expresses hope Turkey's diplomatic relations will not be damaged by the nation's refusal to

accept the American offer, as he says, "Turkish-U.S. are strategic ties. They are not linked to a single motion- of course they will continue." President Bush seems to be unconcerned about Turkey's refusal to support war against Iraq.

He announced to the American public in his Thursday evening news conference, "I will not leave the American people at the mercy of the Iraqi dictator and his weapons....and when it comes to our security, we really don't need anybody's permission." While the U.S. could still launch an attack without the base in Turkey, it would be much more difficult and time-consuming.



Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor
Protestors perform skits to display their objection to the looming war.

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Vote Sanjeev Yadav SGA President

A student leader needs to have the following: intellect, experience, charisma, and an open mind. We feel that Sanjeev Yadav has all of this and more, and we give our endorsement to him for Student Government Association President.

A former student trustee and president of the College Republicans, Yadav has been involved heavily at UVM, gaining experiences that not many have had.

One experience that we feel will benefit the SGA is Yadav not being a current senator. Bringing fresh blood into the system will help jumpstart the SGA and can only improve it. This will end the self-perpetuating cycle and allow a different type of leadership into the Billings office to make some changes to the system and better the SGA for all students.

Along with experience as a leader at UVM, Yadav has the charisma and the

presence to be a dominant figure on campus. He can get the attention of a room without yelling and get his ideas across clearly, two very important characteristics in a leader. He also has the ability to see both sides, as seen by his ability to look past partisan issues and work with people across campus of different ideologies.

We feel that Yadav will bring a fresh energy and new ideas to the SGA. He's looking to unite the campus, whether it be plans for a pub or large campus events. He hasn't become jaded by many nights in North Lounge, and is looking to promote the ideas of all students, and not just the SGA's. With his experience as a trustee, his knowledge of the campus and what students want, and his charismatic personality, we feel that Sanjeev Yadav will be the best candidate for SGA President.

Vote Wes Tank-Day SGA Vice President

Hard work, an open-mind, cooperation, knowledge and experience. These skills are imperative to any student leader.

This is why Wes Tank-Day, SGA Vice Presidential candidate, who possesses these qualities and more, is our choice for this year's endorsement.

Tank-Day is friendly, open-minded, and outspoken about student issues, and isn't afraid to stand up for what he thinks is right.

Between the SGA, the Cynic, and other activities and classes, Tank-Day is able to balance a busy schedule while being able to put 100 percent into all of his commitments. With that dedication, along with knowledge of the inner workings of the SGA, Tank-Day can put in the hours

and the know-how into making the SGA function at its best while supporting his colleagues, especially the other members of the executive committee.

By setting high but attainable goals, Tank-Day is able to get things accomplished without sacrificing his main goals, or the goals of the students. He is concerned with issues surrounding campus safety, the environment and diversity, just like everyone else, but his ability to work hard and communicate well with others will make his plans to make these concerns disappear a reality.

With a willingness to work hard and for all students, Tank-Day is the best choice for Vice President. His knowledge and drive will be an asset to the SGA.

A's & F's

A's

-To the people who actually did show up to the SGA debates, sitting through three hours of discussion, a power outage, and people trapped in an elevator.

- To UVM TV for playing cool movies and shows. We're poor, you're free. Rock on.

F's

-To the lack of people at the SGA election debates. Two of these candidates are going to ruling the student government. Make them work for it.

*Also, to the SGA for lack of publicity. If you tell them, they will come.

-To the SGA for holding their "Town Meeting" on Monday, and not Town Meeting Day. Say what?

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Queer Studies a Milestone

To the Editor:

I recently attended a conference at Brown University entitled, "Transecting the Academy." The objective of this conference was to create a forum for discussion and exploration regarding Transgender issues and theory, and how they are integrated into academia. I sat with hundreds of students and listened as panelists lectured on Trans-feminist theory, Queer and Trans representations in visual art and literature and the function of having a Queer Studies/Gender Studies in university curriculum.

I was spellbound and excited and frustrated at the same time. While I reveled in learning, I wished that I had encountered some of this discourse earlier in my college career. In May, I will receive a Bachelor of the Arts in English and studio art. My experience in both of these departments at UVM has been overwhelmingly positive.

I believe that the highly interdisciplinary nature of both departments constitutes a large part of this positive experience (along with some excellent professors). Because both English and studio art focus largely on interpretation and personal expression, I have been able to integrate Queer theory into my work. However, as I

sat in the "Transecting the Academy" conference, I realized that in fact I was ignorant of many of the concepts that were up for discussion, concepts that would surely be part of a Queer Studies curriculum.

In anticipation of graduation and my inevitable and reluctant transition to the "real world," I have started to send out resumes. All of these resumes have been sent to organizations with an LGBTQIA focus as activism and the exploration of Queer-related theory and studies are a foremost passion of mine.

For future UVM students, a Queer Studies minor (and hopefully major) will enable them to gain a greater understanding of Queer issues as they relate to academia and activism. I urge the administration, the faculty and the students to support the creation of a Queer curriculum to give students a chance to pursue their interests in this exciting and progressive area.

Vermont (though we have ways to go) is at the forefront of advancing civil rights for all. It would be beneficial to everyone if the curriculum of the University of Vermont mirrored this movement.

Lacey Roberts
Class of 2003

Terrible Tube

To the Editor:

I just wanted to voice a gripe I have with UVM's cable situation. I understand that we are privileged enough to have extra channels-but what's the point of having the extra channels when most of the shows I watch are on basic television?

For instance, a tradition of mine is watching Saturday morning cartoons on the WB, including Yu-Gi-Oh and X-Men. I was astounded to find out that I can't watch these shows on Saturday morning because our WB network is shared with FOX. I

have never heard of anything like this.

Another example of this crazy cable is the Jimmy Kimmel Show. It's a really funny show, but a lot of people would never know because it gets cut off halfway through every night to be replaced by an infomercial. I wonder, what would the broadcasting network would think of that?

Anywho, I just thought it was appropriate to voice this frustration. Is anyone with me?

Chivon Anderson
Class of 2005

AIDS Awareness on the Rise

To the Editor:

We are the co-coordinators of the UVM HIV/AIDS Task Force. We were delighted to see a reference to our annual condom distribution event, Condoms and Kisses, in your comic strip "Toasted Vegetables." Thanks for the shoutout!

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the entire UVM community (sock puppets included) to a showing of the film

"A Closer Walk," a new documentary about the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:45 PM in the auditorium of the Fleming Museum (room 101).

Emily King, *Class of 2004,*
and Laura Megivern, *Class of 2005*
Co-Coordinator,
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Panel Largely a Success

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the University for organizing a timely panel discussion of the impending war. Five of the six panelists offered well-reasoned, factually-based arguments against attacking Iraq. In contrast, lacking any substantive argument for the war, Professor Robert Kauffman resorted to assuring the audience that Bush will wage war despite what people say and that war will give this "very, very good man" a chance to become a "great man." He then observed that most American professors are opposed to the war.

If this is true, it is because universities exist to promote the common good by cultivating knowledge based on reason, scientific observation and historical accuracy. The enlightened discourse of reason is incompatible with the irrational ideology of religious warfare.

During the Q & A, a student questioned the credentials and the right of professors of economics, history and religion to offer their views on foreign policy. As a political scientist, Kauffman should have been the first to offer this student two basic definitions. 1) Fascism: a political practice based on mystical worship of violence, rejection of humanitarian ideals, abject submission to the leader and the crushing of dissent. 2) Democracy: a form of government of, by and for the people based on concepts of inalienable human rights, rule by law and free discussion of ideas.

It is not only the right but the *patriotic duty* of *every* citizen in a democracy to seek information and to express their views.

Kari Winter
Assoc. Professor
Department of English

American Offense a Good Defense No, YOU Check YOUR Head!

I have been listening to large groups of Vermonters complain about our government and the possibility of war for the last few months now.

They stand in the safety of local Church Street with their picket signs saying, "No war for Oil."

That argument is the lowest common denominator and a very small piece of the larger pie.

I have listened to people rip apart Bush's presidency and his motives.

I have then taken the time to listen to stories from friends who are overseas for this country right now, fighting for the freedom of others.

It is very easy to sit in the comfort of our own living rooms and to say that war is not an option.

It is easy, too, to say that this war is going to put our country into even more debt than we are in now and that it is not our business to be in these other countries when we haven't been asked for help from their government. Additionally, there are many other valid, selfish points.

However, I think it is about time everybody put themselves in a different position for a moment.

Perhaps you will agree that there is another, more serious side to this: the lives and freedom of other people.

If you have heard the stories of the soldiers overseas and about their progress, then you understand the difference America is making to these other countries.

If you have not heard of these accomplishments, perhaps you should start listening instead of picking and choosing what you want to hear.

Perhaps you should start asking questions to those who are actually there instead of listening to the opinions of those who will only talk about war from the safety of their own local city street, living room or classroom.

Has anyone told you that our troops are building classrooms and supplying food to many people in Iraq? This is the first time many have had the chance to go to school, read books and even eat well.

You will also hear, over and over again, from those who are actually over there experiencing foreign opinion, that the only people who are against America are the ones who are doing "no good."

The only ones who do not want our help are those who are too scared to take it.

Many folks here take for granted that we get to question our government openly without

fear of death.

Believe it or not, that is a Reality for people living in other parts of the world, including Iraq.

Ask yourself this: if America knew what Hitler was really doing years ago, would we have stopped him?

I would hope that everyone reading this would yell out, "Hell yes!"

Have you read about some of the things Saddam Hussein is doing to his own people?

Saddam and Hitler can be compared!

Would you like to sit back and do nothing to help these people?

Why? Just because these people are not Americans, not your neighbors and not your family?

Do you want to sit around complaining that going to war will put our country in more debt, ignoring the good war can do for these people's freedoms, just because you already have your freedom?

This terrorism may not have affected you personally yet, but it will if we let it continue.

President Bush is not just making this up. I truly believe he has just a little more access to information than you do.

Or would you rather take the word of a man like Saddam Hussein? Anyone who holds up a sign saying this war is about oil is doing just that.

Sometimes we have to remember that "Evil grows when good people do nothing."

There is nothing more important than standing up for our country and our freedom. It is hard for me to believe that just because you have it so good that you would dismiss the fact that others do not.

Do not turn a blind eye to what is really happening over there. Do not dismiss the torment that others are going through just because it is not in front of your face. Others have seen it. Others are living it!

Here we are complaining that the President of the United States wants to not only help another people but also to ensure that one vicious man does not take away our very own freedom.

Damn him? No. Damn you for not wanting to help.

I just want everybody to hear both sides before making a

decision on where they stand.

Over the last 12 years, the United Nations has created 17 different peaceful resolutions giving Saddam Hussein the chance to disarm himself.

Has anyone reiterated to you that what happened on 9/11 could happen again, only worse? Are you willing to take that chance with the lives of your own family?

Do not forget what can happen to our security and freedom when we allow evil to reign.

I ask you to consider that before you start protesting a war about freedom.

I can guarantee that once our own freedom is put in jeopardy, this same group of protesters will be the first and loudest to complain that the President should have been taking better steps to protect us.

And why is everyone so mad that our country is one of the most powerful nations?

Do we really think America promotes such horrible values?

Or are you just assuming that our government thinks and acts in such selfish ways because that is the way you think and behave in your life?

Shouldn't protestors be speaking out about "world peace?" Isn't that the big picture we should be asking for?

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Or are you just assuming that our government thinks and acts in such selfish ways because that is the way you think and behave in your life?

Give peace to another group of people who so badly want it, but don't have the freedom to ask! Give freedom to your future.

What if it was you over there? What if it was your family who was living without the freedoms we have here?

Would you want to help? Would you want the stronger to come to your aid? Would you be grateful?

If you answer no, you do so because you have never lived as non-Americans do.

Instead of being angry that our government is taking our people and sending them to war, why don't you understand that these brave Americans have enlisted themselves to do so? They have been trained and they are powerful, and they deserve your support.

Sure, by entering into war, we may put ourselves in more debt. But what is money when we're talking about other human lives?

Thank you on behalf of the other side.

Tekla Frates is a guest columnist and a resident of Burlington.

Last week, I read an article entitled "Check your Head." It was possibly the most ill-informed, useless, written-for-the-author's-own-amusement article I've ever read. Katie Folts started off by complaining how Students Against War leader Keith Rosenthal addressed emails to the listserv to "Friends." *GASP* God forbid! So he should start addressing emails "To whom it may concern?" or possibly to "Dear group members whom I don't know personally?"

Then, she compares getting emails to a cult?! Or better still—to a book club where you get "raped"—yes, "raped"—into buying books. I'm not even going to start on that choice of verb.

Later, she ridicules anti-war groups for existing for (drum roll, please) one purpose! Well, should we be Students Against War for the Production of Quality Cheese? Generally, a resistance group exists to serve a purpose, and then disbands.

I would also like to inform Ms. Folts that to say "they have found nuclear missiles in Iraq" is just

wrong. Katie, do you even know what's happening? You think you're full of good advice, but now I'm going to give you some: know what you're talking about before you smart off! You claim that apathy is "frustration with unorganized, pompous leadership." And you are wrong.

I joined SAW and pretended to die in Cook Commons while Keith gave one of the most powerful speeches I've ever heard. At the end, three quarters of the room applauded. Imagine if we didn't have people like Keith—imagine if we all sat around complaining about petty things like "Friends," and just let the Bush administration have its cake and eat it while everyone else (including you) suffered or died.

So, Katie, if you can't respectfully send an email asking SAW to remove you from the listserv, I think you deserve to be "forced to read all of them to see the lunacy."

Cynthia Little is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.



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Effecting Change Is Money War, Alienation and Apathy Let It Bleed

Right now, UVM is dealing with many issues, and it is important for people to raise their voices. President Fogel wants many changes to happen very quickly, and his wants affect everyone! A possible increased athletic fee, Honors College and the possible construction of an over 8,000-seat venue are among some of the things that will change UVM forever.

Additionally, the new downtown noise ordinance strongly affects student life. Tuition is also going to go up yet again next year, despite the fact that we are one of the most, if not the most, expensive public schools in the nation. Also, increased drug use on campus is out of hand.

It was once said to me, "But UVM is just another public school." I could not disagree more. One of the reasons I came here is because UVM is a unique place. Burlington itself is also such an interesting and unique place. UVM has so much to offer for the students who are willing to reach out and work for what they want.

One of the greatest things about UVM is that if you need help as an individual, it is readily available and easily accessible. Places like the Health Center, Career Services and the Counseling Center help students so much every day. UVM gives you so many options, and as students here, we have the power to make positive changes if we work for them.

There are so many ways to get involved that really do make a difference. The Cynic is read by members of the administration, many other colleges, has won numerous awards and is a great way for students to learn about issues around campus.

A large percentage of the SGA Senate attended UVM Day at the Statehouse last month, and this was a wonderful opportunity to speak with other students and voice concerns to those at the Statehouse and others who are affiliated with UVM. Their voices are heard. And the Senate works for the needs of the student body. Senate wants to hear your

voices and holds open meetings every Tuesday night in the North Lounge of Billings. Be sure to make your voice heard.

Student clubs are another way to get involved with UVM that makes a difference. People involved in clubs connect with other students and are a force and have so much power in their numbers and in the connection they have with one another.

UVM is facing so many issues that we as a student body need to work together, and that means every single person working with every other person. Get involved. Write for the paper, join a club, create a club, vote (or even better, run) for Senate. Senate Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections are this Tuesday and Monday. Make UVM your own.

I challenge you to step up and speak out about the issues that concern you. Senate elections are coming up in a matter of weeks so go to a debate and vote. If you do not agree with something you see happening, write an article for the paper, start a petition, come and talk to the Senate. SPEAK! So many of us pay 30 grand a year to go here; why would we not want to get something more out of it?

Student Life Editor Amy Vaillancourt is a member of the Class of 2006.

Apparently, it is offensive to care too much about our world. Look at the recent attack mounted against me in these pages. I was accused of: seeking to unite anti-war groups; writing long, informative e-mails in an attempt to increase student involvement in the anti-war movement; and finally-brace yourself-concerning myself with democracy and equality within that movement!

Further, the student (who is against the war, yet also against anti-war organizations) then has the gall to express her frustration with student apathy! As the saying goes: don't throw stones from glass houses.

When complaining of apathy, what kind of example does it set to lob criticisms from the sidelines of activity at those who are actually acting upon their sentiments? Rather than criticize the tactics of an anti-war group, why not join it and help to shape it to your liking?

Moreover, contrary to my literary assailant's contention, I think that there has recently been a dramatic increase in activism among an extraordinarily wide layer of students-as well as a general increase in interest amongst the student body to learn about international issues.

I think that the problem my insulter is attempting to define comes not from some internal flaw (apathy), but from a society so alienated from true political discussion and organization, that attempts at the latter are foreign and unnatural. This is no accident.

Given the extent to which our ruling class represses, oppresses and exploits us, they know that it would be suicidal to foster the idea that regular people should express

their true thoughts. People would begin to see that they are not isolated in their frustration at life under capitalism-and they would begin to discuss common solutions to their common problems.

Thus, the malady is not that anti-war activists seek to organize themselves, or that 'leaders' of the anti-war movement arise during the struggle. No. The problem is our alienation from one another and the system that breeds such alienation.

Whatever happened to fighting for what you believe in? "Well," cynics say, "if you fight for your beliefs you may alienate others who do not feel the same way." Yet are you not being alienated from your very humanity by "refraining from activity" when your government is threatening slaughter in your name?! In a society so alienated from basic human relations, might it not be a good thing to sometimes alienate others operating wholly within the confines of society's framework?

When you say that you will no longer sit idly by, analyzing and watching history as it proceeds in front of you, you will become an active participant in the history that you are a part of and shape it for the better.

At the point when history finally moves from a process defined by the material necessity of a minority (i.e., capitalist profit) to a conscious process defined by the collective desire and activity of all human beings, we will find ourselves definitively released from a state of alienation.

Keith Rosenthal is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

As the President of Free To Be, the University of Vermont's GLBT Alliance, I want to publicly address the Red Cross' blood drives in the UVM dorms.

In accordance with the FDA, men who have sex with men (MSM) are permanently banned from giving blood unless their last male partner was prior to the year 1977. These federal regulations are blatantly homophobic. For example, a woman who has had sex with a MSM since 1977 only has to wait 12 months to donate blood. She is not permanently disallowed to donate.

At the last blood drive, a few LGBT students circulated a petition to stop the Red Cross blood drives in the UVM dorms, as it is supposed to be a safe, non-oppressive living space.

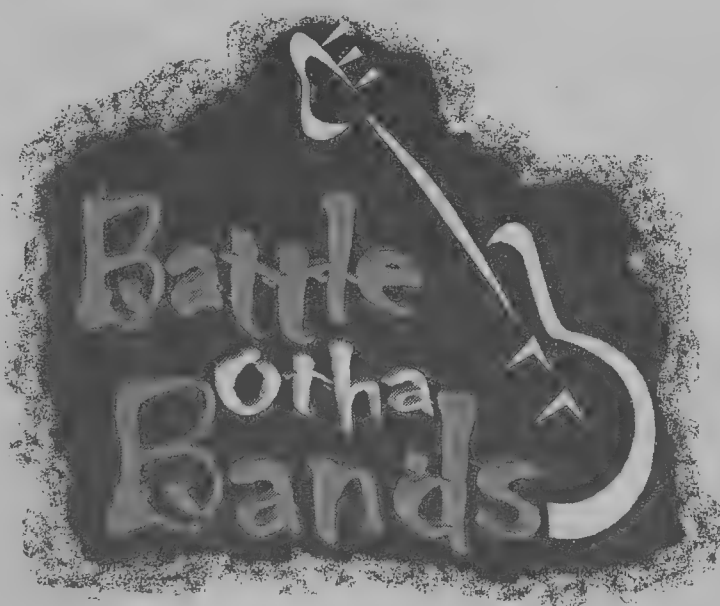
While I am a member of the LGBT community, I am opposed to this form of action. I feel that the FDA's MSM regulation must be amended, but, denying people blood is not the solution. Every one who can give blood should, especially in this time of impending war.

Instead of boycotting blood drives, let's end the inequality of the MSM regulation and encourage every donor to sign it. Let's work WITH the local Red Cross to find the most efficient and positive means of making change.

I speak for myself as well as many others in the Free To Be community, but I certainly don't speak for all of us. While we are very much divided on how to solve the inequality of the MSM policy, we are united in the realization that its implications have for too long gone unchanged.

Caitlin Daniel-McCarter is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2004.

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Daniel Fogel Questioned On Variety Of Issues: An Interview With The President

By JULIAN BRIZZI
Contributing Writer

I had little idea what to expect when I went in to interview President Fogel. I had heard he was a former English professor, so the massive amount of books was no surprise. Lining his walls were Emily Dickinson, Frost, Homer, Joseph Conrad, Faulkner, and an entire bookshelf dedicated strictly to James Joyce.

What did come as a surprise, however, were the collection of animal sculptures that littered his room (it seems Mr. Fogel has a penchant for Elephants, among others), and the honesty he exhumed when answering my questions.

President Fogel, despite what anyone (including the author) says, is informed and confident regarding the business of running

UVM.

VC: What steps are currently underway to make the school more environmentally efficient? I.E, using recyclable materials in the dining halls, reducing energy usage, ECT...

PF: I think we really need to work to be as efficient as possible. One of the things that come to mind is the cost of physical plant, which is one of the most expensive in the country.

We have been working on a plan to generate our own energy, but that has political implications, as that may change the energy rates for downtown Burlington. More electric capacity must be built for population growth, and we could cut energy costs by 1 1/2 million dollars per year if we separate ourselves.

Another thing we're working

on is a drainage area to collect wastewater that would be recycled.

We are very proud of the Universities efforts to be a leader in environmental stewardship. There are only something like 23 LEED certified buildings in the country, and we would like to build one in the coming years.

VC: As is certainly the case with all Universities, one of the major complaints students have around campus is the low quality of food available on the meal plan. Will there be any improvement in the lack of options for eating organically or vegan?

PF: I think we ought to do our best to provide options for people who have special requirements. Now the question is, can we do this in a cost-effective way? Foodservice providers will make anything for you, but you

have to pay for it.

I don't know if there is a large enough group of people with special needs to make that cost effective. Often, as with our plan to provide early morning Sunday breakfast, it turns out to only be a few people.

That becomes prohibitively expensive.

VC: With the addition of several thousand more students to UVM in the coming years, will there be any

steps taken to hire more professors to accompany that enrollment boost? If not, what steps will be taken to ensure that teachers are not overworked and classes are not too large?

PF: We intend to add substantial numbers of new faculty. The aim is to maintain the human scale, and the learning environment, with a very high percentage of small classes.

There is no question that we intend to invest in new faculty. There is no issue at all with things like classroom size.

VC: With the housing shortage for students downtown already a major problem, how will we compensate in the coming years for all of the new students?

PF: We are talking about adding another 1,000 students in the next five years. We've got about 1,500 beds in the pipeline right now, including working with private contractors. In the new on-campus housing, there will be two students to every bathroom.

In Apartment living, complete with Air conditioning, exercise rooms, etc... whose going to want to live in a slum on Isham?

Redstone apartments represent something along these lines, but not nearly as new or attractive. We've got 1,000 coming in at first, and 1,500 new beds. There will be more space.

VC: How do you feel about the looming war with Iraq?

PF: I generally try to stay out of partisan politics, but I am very uncomfortable with the US unilat-

erally throwing all its force against a third world country that hasn't attacked us.

VC: What are your feelings regarding student protests, particularly yesterday's student strike and alternative day of classes?

PF: I'm very supportive of acts of courage by students who care.

VC: How will the recent breakdown of Affirmative action at the University of Michigan, and President Bush's support for it, affect our school? In the face of that,

what steps are we taking, or will we take to increase diversity on campus?

PF: The University of Michigan has not lost affirmative action.

They have strongly defended their practices, and now it has reached the Supreme Court. Race should be used as a plus, but not the only factor in admissions. The basis of Bokke (the 1978 Allen Bokke case) is that there is a basis of diversity in the educational experience.

We have to obey the law, but we will find ways to diversify the student body and faculty. I remain optimistic.

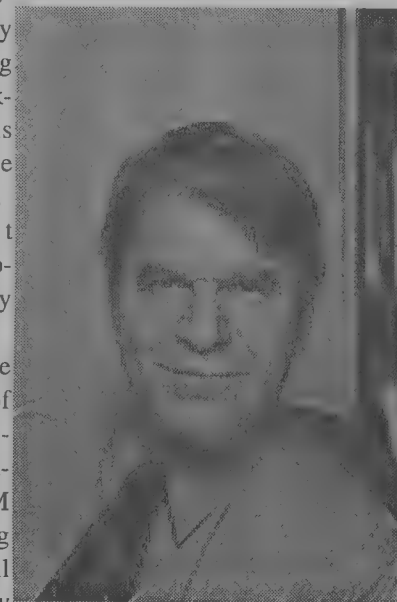
VC: Do you think the increased police presence and vigilance this year has...

A: reduced underage drinking and drug use amongst UVM students?

B: prevented acts of violence and vandalism to a considerable degree?

PF: The force is not any larger, there are actually vacancies. I don't think there has been a decrease in behavior, but my biggest concern is the happiness and safety of the students.

I would like to decrease incidents of high risk drinking, use of pharmaceutical drugs, and traffic with criminals. I'm not interested in being Don Quixote and running at windmills, I just don't want to see any dead students turning up on campus, and we've come close this semester.



Have A Safe Spring Break!

—by: Natasha Thompson, Student Health Promotion Coordinator, UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing.

Yay!! Spring break is almost here. After midterms you will be doing somersaults for a week of freedom. For some, spring break is a time to relax in quiet and serenity. For others it's a time to party in the warm, hot sun or on the cool, crisp slopes (whatever your pleasure). No matter how you choose to spend your spring break, just do it responsibly. Here are a few great tips:

Be safe when you drink. For some people, drinking is a part of partying. Yes, you can have fun and be safe at the same time. For starters, if you drink designate a driver or know the number for a cab. We know that most of you (67.5% of college students) don't drive while under the influence of alcohol. Keep it up! Another tip: make sure you don't leave your drink sitting somewhere and come back to finish it. There are predatory people out there who may slip drugs into your drink such as Rohypnol (Roofies, Roach, Rope, Roofers) and GHB (Liquid X, Georgia Home Boyz, Scoop, Grievous Bodily Harm). They are odorless, mostly colorless, and tasteless. One more thing: listen to your body, not to anyone else. If you are barfing because of alcohol, your body is telling you that it has had enough. Stay hydrated by drinking lots of water.

You should also be aware of the laws around alcohol and other drugs (AOD) if you are traveling to a different country. They may have more severe laws for using/abusing AOD. You don't want to end up in jail in another country!

Be safe when you sex (or get intimate). That's right you may be having sex while on spring break. So what makes it so different than any other time? Well, some people tend to drink more when they party (and go to other countries where the legal drinking age is below 21). Alcohol lowers your inhibitions and may be a factor in you having sex when you normally wouldn't or with someone who you normally wouldn't. Carry condoms with you. Keep them in a cool place because heat can cause a condom to break. You can buy 10 for \$1 at Health Promotions in Nicholson House (next to Waterman). Even if you keep condoms out of the sun, they can still break sometimes. You can purchase Emergency Contraceptive Pills (Morning After Pills) from the Women's Health Clinic (656-0603) and the Student Health Medical Clinic (656-3350) before you go on your trip. It is scary to think about, but if you are sexually assaulted and cannot find a doctor where you are, taking ECPs is one thing that you can do for yourself.

Be safe when you sun.

It's time for some fun in the sun or time to finally take advantage of all this snow. No matter where you go you need to protect yourself from sunburn and from later forms of skin cancer. Wear nothing less than an SPF 15 sunscreen, even if you are pre-tanning. If you are going someplace warm, make sure you purchase a sunscreen that is sweat-proof so it won't get in your eyes (nothing stings more than that!). If you are on the slopes, the rays of sunshine will be hitting you at a closer range so wear sunscreen and something to protect your eyes. Also, get a good lip balm than has an SPF. ...You gotta take care of the lips!

If you are going someplace exotic or tropical and have questions about what health measures you should take before you go, you can call the Student Health Travel Clinic (656-3350) for more information.

So, no matter where you go and what you do for Spring Break, **have fun and be safe!**

Stop by to pick up some great FREE spring break items and tips to stay safe during spring break from our Information Table outside Cook Commons during the week of March 10th.

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Candidates For Student Government Leadership

Continued From Front

"It's about the students, stupid," said Yadav in the presidential debates this past Wednesday, reiterating his and Fulton's campaign slogan.

"We want to improve the SGA. We want to unify the campus. No whining, no complaining." Other plans of Yadav and Fulton include a pub on campus, large campus-wide events a couple times a semester, expanded late-night dining, and plans to show the Burlington community how integral the students are. Another concern of Yadav and Fulton is the issue of security in the dorms. "We want students to be safe," said Fulton. "But we don't want to lose civil liberties."

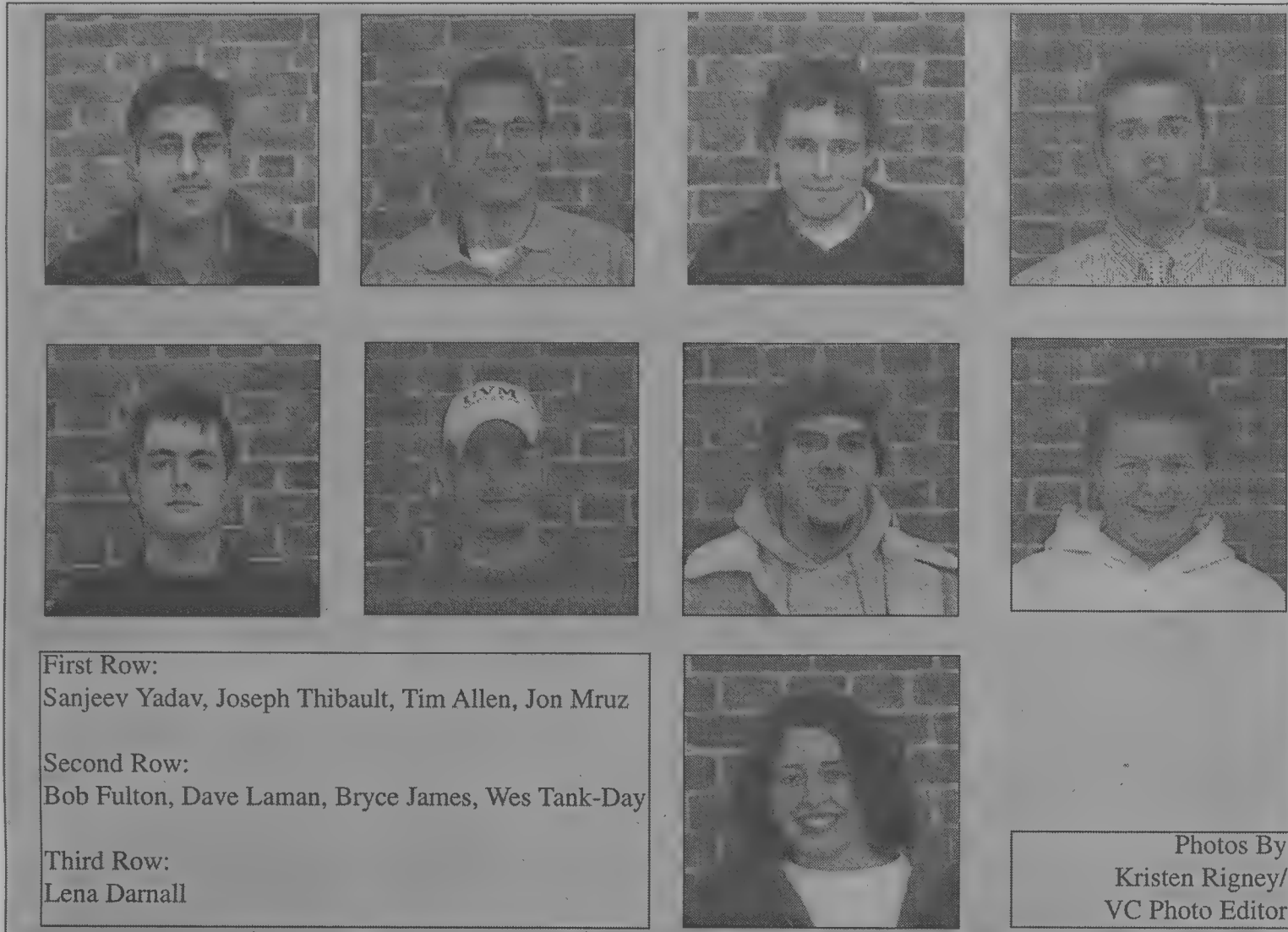
Both Yadav and Fulton are juniors, neither are current members of the SGA. Yadav was most recently a student trustee for two years. Both are members of the College Republicans.

"We want to make it easy as possible for students and clubs," said presidential candidate Allen. "We want to empower students."

With the most combined SGA experience between them, candidates Allen and James are looking to make things easier for clubs to be successful, improve relations with downtown, and work with existing communication structures to improve the communication gaps on campus.

"We want to work with the communications board on campus, with those students to improve the gaps on campus," said James. Another concern for Allen and James is the issue of diversity. "We need to support these groups, and it is vital to bring back the CDAFC fun for future years," said Allen.

Both Allen and James worked hard this past year to get out the students' opinions downtown during the noise ordinance battle. "We have the dedication and the passion to work hard for all students," said James.



First Row:

Sanjeev Yadav, Joseph Thibault, Tim Allen, Jon Mruz

Second Row:

Bob Fulton, Dave Laman, Bryce James, Wes Tank-Day

Third Row:

Lena Darnall

Photos By
Kristen Rigney/
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Both Allen and James are juniors and SGA Senators, and James is a member of the FIJI fraternity.

Candidates Mruz and Tank-Day are focusing their campaign on the following six issues: campus safety, the honors college, the student commons, city relations, diversity issues, and the environment.

"We need more blue lights, and the card swipe system to track who comes into the building and when," said Mruz. "We need to be a lot safer."

Another concern is the issue of honors college, which seems to be occurring in the fall.

"We want to make sure that the students' voices are heard, and that no student's education is compromised," said Mruz.

One issue they focus on is the environment. "While we've made great efforts to be as environmentally friendly, we need to make things even better," said Tank-Day. "The total energy use has increased by 6 percent and carbon emissions on campus have increased by two percent above 1990 levels. These statistics raise great concern, we need to work with the student body and the administration to work on this problem."

When it comes to issue concerning downtown, they look to be realistic, not idealistic, according to Tank-Day. "We want our goals to be met, but we are willing to compromise to get our desired outcome, if necessary."

Mruz is a junior and Tank-Day a sophomore, and both are

current SGA Senators. Mruz is a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, and Tank-Day is the Business Manager for the Cynic.

Candidates Thibault and Laman are focusing on issues of campus safety, communications, the on-campus experience and off, and the issue of helping clubs on campus.

"I have worked to make things better for clubs, between the new website for clubs or fighting for club space," said Thibault, who is the current Student Activities Chair for the SGA.

With campus safety, Thibault and Laman are concerned with the balance of protection and students' privacy.

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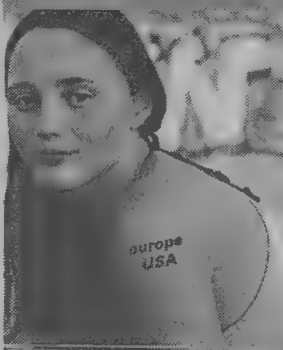
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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Inspector Arnold,

Three men walk into a bar. One of the men walks up to the bar and comes back to his two friends with three shots of tequila. They thanked him and took the shots. He then waved to the bartender and three more shot were sent over. After the fifth round of shots one of the men asked his friend how he was going to pay for the tequila. "I can't pay for any of this. I'm not sure what I'm doing. Does anyone know what Tom Arnold is doing?" he asked. "I'm not sure, but I hope he isn't making another movie!"

"Yeah if I see Tom Arnold around here, I would ask him politely leave," his friend added. They all had a good long laugh. "Hey guys, what's the best thing Tom Arnold has ever done? Roseanne!" he continued. They all agreed Tom Arnold was a fool. All three men then agreed they were in awe of his 'wild streak' in the early nineties.

Do you like my joke Tom? I've told it to everyone I know, and they think it's funnier than McHale's Navy, nay, funnier than your stand-up, nay, your life! You hear that Tom? That's the sound of your career being overshadowed by a self described 34 year young, unemployed divorcee 'Wild Child'.

You smell that Tom? That's the smell of me burning up the stage with my presence. I'm hot Tom, red hot. You think you invented the "doing anything at

anytime, say anything without thinking, marry Roseanne for the 'fifth base' privileges" persona? I've got some news for you Tom: There's an APB out for a little something you stole called my life. Did you honestly think I wouldn't know it when I saw it? I'm gong to give you a week to publicly denounce your image in front of the country, or else...

Go ahead Tom, ask that question: Or else what?

I'll describe my tools: one feather duster, one Dokken concert t-shirt, one poster of the movie "You can do it!: Tips for surviving life after divorce (part three of Terry Talon's motivational film series)", one pair of buttless chaps, a chip on my shoulder, and, a promise to air mail you a package called 'pain'.

You tell me what you would do with those tools. Now imagine what a trained professional could do with them. Things aren't looking too good for you right

now Tom... not good at all. Tell you what, why don't you leave the country within the month or I make good on my promise? Last chance Tom. The clock is ticking. TICK! TOCK! TICK! TOCK!

Sit on the area below the top of my head and above my neck,

Nicholas Green

Next Weeks Letter:
David Spade

Tom Arnold



Photo courtesy of www.roseanne.com

Nicholas Green enjoys long walks by the water. He doesn't like it when the police stop him from doing so by arresting him. Let's be honest, it's not lewd if no one complains.

The Flynn in April: David Sedaris

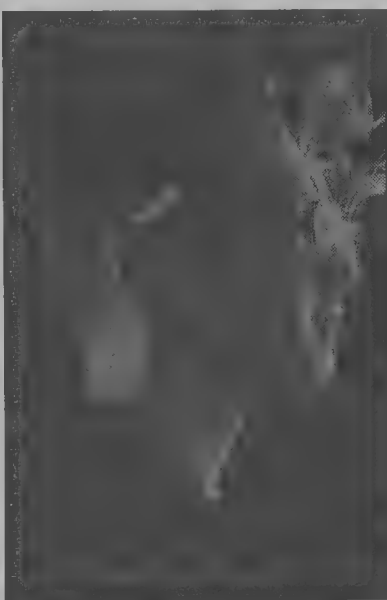


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From his strange-but-true experiences as an elf at Macy's SantaLand to his recurrent side job as a maid, David Sedaris shares the irreverent, sarcastic, biting satiric views that have made him a National Public Radio favorite. His three wildly popular books -Barrel Fever, Naked, and Me Talk Pretty One Day- have established him as one of America's leading comic writers and performers. Sedaris reads from a selection of his works and shares his marvelously skewed impressions of our life and times. Sedaris will be performing at The Flynn Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$29/\$25.

-Press Release

Montreal Dance Sensation Compagnie Marie Chouinard to Perform at The Flynn

Evoking Cubist paintings, Egyptian friezes, primitive rituals, and baby birds, the dances of Montreal choreographer Marie Chouinard never cease to provoke and astound. Pushing their bodies to the limit, 10 exceptional dancers explore physiological architecture, probing the forces and tensions within us. With lighting and electronic music spectacularly supporting the tribal dance, the dancers perform Chouinard's intense signature work *Le Cri du Monde*, called "a masterpiece" by the Toronto Globe & Mail. In contrast, *24 Preludes* is a jubilant work inspired by Chopin's Opus 28, marrying gentleness with strength and subtlety with rawness. Compagnie Marie Chouinard will be performing Friday, March 14, 2003 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$28 (adults) / \$24.50 (students).

Contains adult themes and nudity. Not recommended for children.

-Press Release



Photos courtesy of The Flynn

Images from choreographer Marie Chouinard's earlier performances.

The Brown Baron Strikes Again

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

Burlington Area residents reported a disturbance early Thursday morning when an unidentified Caucasian male allegedly allowed his Scottish Sheep dog to relieve himself on the sidewalk in front of UVM President Daniel Fogel's residence. This week's incident was the latest in a series of canine related crimes.

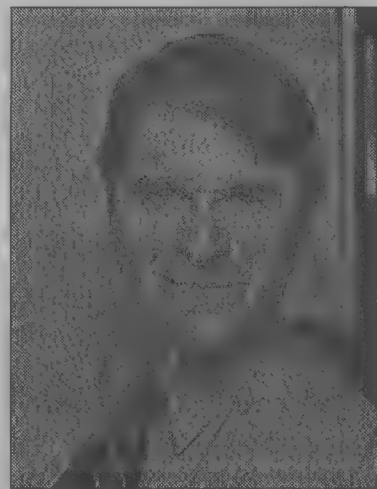
"It's becoming a problem. I see him do it everyday, just walk right up to the sidewalk, then check to see if anyone is watching. Then his dog unloads right on the sidewalk," said concerned community member Nancy Greenfield.

Added Greenfield: "I don't care if he has a dog, or a log or a cog that made smog, please do away with your cantankerous, criminal, canine or prepare to pay a most unpleasant fine!"

While many area residents claim the now daily 'soiling' is at best rude, there are some who

cheer on the now infamous vandal dubbed the "Brown Baron".

"I think he's got some real big melons to keep doing what he's doing. I wish I had thought of it. You should have seen it yesterday; I think he fed the dog sloppy joes the night before. It must have covered about 12 square feet, spilling out into the road. Really makes you think..." commented UVM senior Stephen Fingerlength of the now infamous Brown Baron.



President Daniel Fogel seen here looking unconcerned about The Brown Baron's recent activities.

The Brown Baron reached near cult status last December when a small group of 'Baron' supporters formed The Brownies, a group where 'Baron' enthusiasts and supporters meet weekly to share stories about their hero.

"We were doing this already, so I decided why not make it official? Everyone was pretty happy when I announced our formation. We all love the 'B.B.', so it was a real no-brainer," said Henry

"I'll get this scum, even if I have to stake out the scene 24/7, 365,"

-Private Investigator Nick Detroit on his commitment to catching The Brown Baron

"Chicken Legs" Spencer, founder of The Brownies.

"There are a lot of inaccuracies surrounding him [The Brown Baron], not all of what you hear about him is true. Some say he's seven feet tall, but our most accurate sighting has him between 5'6 and 5'10, but were not counting anything out."

The Burlington Police Department, in conjunction with UVM, has responded to the Baron's now daily vandalism by hiring private investigator Nick Detroit.

"Although the Baron's crimes have yet to exceed misdemeanor criminal offenses, or even break more than one city ordinance, UVM and the Burlington Police Department have made it clear they will actively pursue The Baron until he is apprehended. That's where I come in. Detroit hasn't lost a fugitive yet, and The Baron will be no exception. I'll get him dead or alive..."

"I'll get this scum, even if I have to stake out the scene 24/7, 365," Detroit continued. "No one make mean Daddy Detroit look like an a**hole."

UVM President Daniel Fogel could not be reached for comment.

Weekly Horoscopes

Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

You think you're in like Flinn? You really want to know who you're in with? Big Marv the Man in Charge. He wants to meet you at 3 pm in front of the library. He'll be wearing a Foreigner t-shirt and a Whitesnake hat. Nice skirt for the arguments! Scrilla!

Aries

March 21 - April 19

I've been waiting all semester for Cinder-Kit, UVM's latest underground news magazine to publish, but it looks like they aren't going to... accomplish anything! Scrilla!

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Ford. Watch out for red heads this week as they will only make your life miserable. I'm sorry, I meant flaming heads! Scrilla!

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Powder drugs, *Animal Planet*, and three packages of unused briefs. Any room left for an SGA campaign? Yes. Scrilla!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

"How to Lose a Hermaphrodite in Ten Days" I wrote the script and signed the checks. Scrilla!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

The Stars believe you are uncomfortable around the opposite sex. I agree with them on this issue, but I don't agree with their characterization of you as a "stink fink". Scrilla!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I have one question to ask you: Why haven't you responded to my 'advances', or my 'threats'? Don't you love me? This horoscope is based on a true story. Scrilla!

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

If I don't get the official SGA presidential endorsement from The Cynic I'll steal all of your newspapers and ritualistically cut myself to reaffirm my manhood.

I'll then have one of my frat brothers do a little something to me called "hog-tying my unconscious body to a moving vehicle while he screams 'pleasure'". God I want to punch something! Scrilla!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

By the way, when I said "Take a bath you dirty hippies!" at the die-in, I meant it in a kind and politically savvy way. Ouch! My foot has a bullet hole! Scrilla!

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

It's the area between your knees and your stomach. No silly, it's your lap! Scrilla!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Hey guys. This will be a spantacular week for you. Fourteen times. Scrilla!

Aquarius

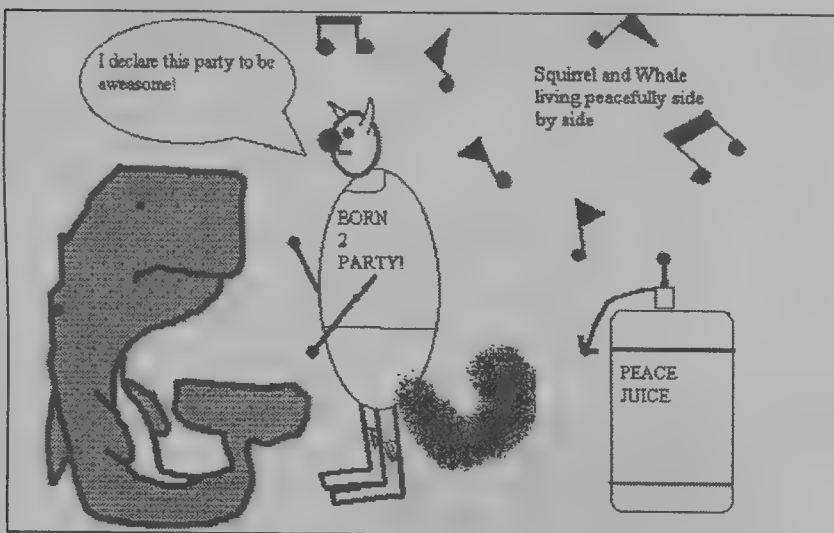
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

Alice, I want to break up with you. Scrilla!

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What to bring: Two to three catch phrases and a "need for speed".

Student Life

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Can the Writing Center Help You?

Commentary

There's absolutely nothing more intimidating than the thought of a ten-page research paper due by the end of the semester, except for maybe a ten-page research paper due by my 9:30 class tomorrow morning. Don't even get me started on "personal" or "creative" writing. Do I really want my professors having intimate knowledge of my highly exciting love life (or lack thereof)? And hey, I'm no Picasso so those "approaching the question from a new angle"

techniques aren't I'll choose meeting with a writing tutor over staring at my blank computer screen any day.

It's not that I don't try to write well. But sometimes it's just hard to get my thoughts down on paper. I don't know what the teacher is looking for and sometimes I don't even know what the question is asking. There's too much gray area in writing; it's like there's no concrete right or wrong answer. I'm unsure of how to "prove" myself and my point to my professor. What does it mean to "support a thesis?" It's hard enough to even come up with one in the first place!

So of course I have a 2-3 page critical essay analyzing Freud's theories on Oedipus Rex due Friday. What's worse, the professor made it a requirement that we all go to the Writing Center. Not really too excited about this, I actually came up with a rough rough-draft and met with a Writing Tutor over in the Fireplace Lounge of L/L. He was a junior like me and actually he was an animal science major. I was pretty surprised to learn this

because I guess I just assumed all the student-writing tutors were English majors.

He read my paper out loud. How weird is that? I noticed a whole bunch of things that really made no sense once read out loud, and my paper had more than a few grammar errors. The tutor said he liked my thesis and then, I kid you not, he's like, "But why don't we work on supporting your thesis?" He suggested I go through the Freud text we were reading and pick out some quotes that I thought echoed my thesis.

I've always been awful at conclusions but after the tutor and I read the paper through from beginning to end, I came up with a nearly perfect way to summarize my argument. To top it off, he pulled out a copy of this book that tells you exactly how to do weird things like annotated bibliographies- you know, like the kind of book you could buy in the bookstore for 40 bucks but the Writing Center has for free....

I think that tutor really helped me. Don't expect me to whip out any novels yet and I'd still rather work a chemistry problem than write any day, but I did get an A on that Freud paper. My tutor didn't really re-write the paper for me (OK, I was kind of hoping he would) but together we came up with a lot of ways I could improve my paper. I really want to get this internship in the spring so I'm thinking I'll go back there and just have a tutor look over my resume before I hand it in. At any rate, I'll choose meeting with a writing tutor over staring at my blank computer screen any day.

Club Highlight: UVM Roller Hockey Battles For First Place

Commentary

Russel Buchanan.

With a record of 11-2-1 in league play, the UVM Inline Hockey team has given notice to the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (ECRHA) and the entire college community that they are a serious contender for the Division II National Championship in 2002-2003.

Vermont currently sits atop the 16team D-II field with 23 points. Led by Senior forwards Austin Maddox and Kevin Leahy, and backstopped by Junior Goaltender Paul Wolf, the Catamounts have posted a goal differential of plus thirty-six. So far, teams from Syracuse, SUNY Brockport, Penn State Altoona, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Albany, St. John's, Northern Virginia, Cornell, Suffolk, UPenn, URI, Weidner, Briarcliffe, Maine, and Wentworth have all fallen victim to the Vermont roller hockey juggernaut.

"We have gotten clutch

contributions from both old and new players, coupled with stellar goaltending from Paul Wolf," said sophomore forward Russ Buchanan.

"We're winning games one shift, one period at a time."

"I can say without reservation that this team has the talent, grit, and the fortitude to bring a national championship home to the state of Vermont," said Freshman goaltender Dan "Churchmanek" Churchill.

The Catamounts finish up the regular season the weekend of March 8th, when they travel to Pottstown, Pa. to play the games that will cement the playoff seeding for the regional championship to be held in Feasterville, Pa. the following week.

"One of the most surprising things players find when making the transition from ice to roller is the speed and high-scoring nature

of the game, our sport isn't the driveway ball hockey that so many people mistakenly envision." said sophomore sensation Ryan "CB" Sensali. When asked about the differences between ice hockey and roller hockey.

UVM Roller Hockey is a co-ed organization who welcomes players of all skill/commitment levels and abilities. In addition to tournament/league play, the team typically practices two nights a week during the season.

If you are interested in learning more about the collegiate roller hockey, check out <http://www.ecrha.net> or <http://www.crh1.net> For information about UVM club roller hockey, contact Russ Buchanan at Russell.Buchanan@uvm.edu.

Want your Club Highlighted? Contact availlan@zoo.uvm.edu.

Ask Dr. Schmynic

but I would have to be here probably a year more if I do. I'm not so sure I want that, and even if I do, which one would I go into a career with?

- Confused in Converse

Dear Dr. Schmynic,

Wow, a lot of valid issues here. Ok, well first don't forget to breathe, it is an excellent tool to help in relaxing. There are a variety of options you could take, as you know, but remember, to listen to your heart. What extracurriculars do you feel like you would want to continue doing? Perhaps that can help you.

It can be a very difficult choice, but you are not alone, many people are undecided or change majors more than once. Enjoy your time and go with your instincts. If you listen they can serve you well. Who knows what's going to happen after college? Don't stress about exactly where you will be. If you keep at it will work out. Good luck!

- Dr. Schmynic

Have a question for the Dr. ? Send it to cynic@zoo.uvm.edu.



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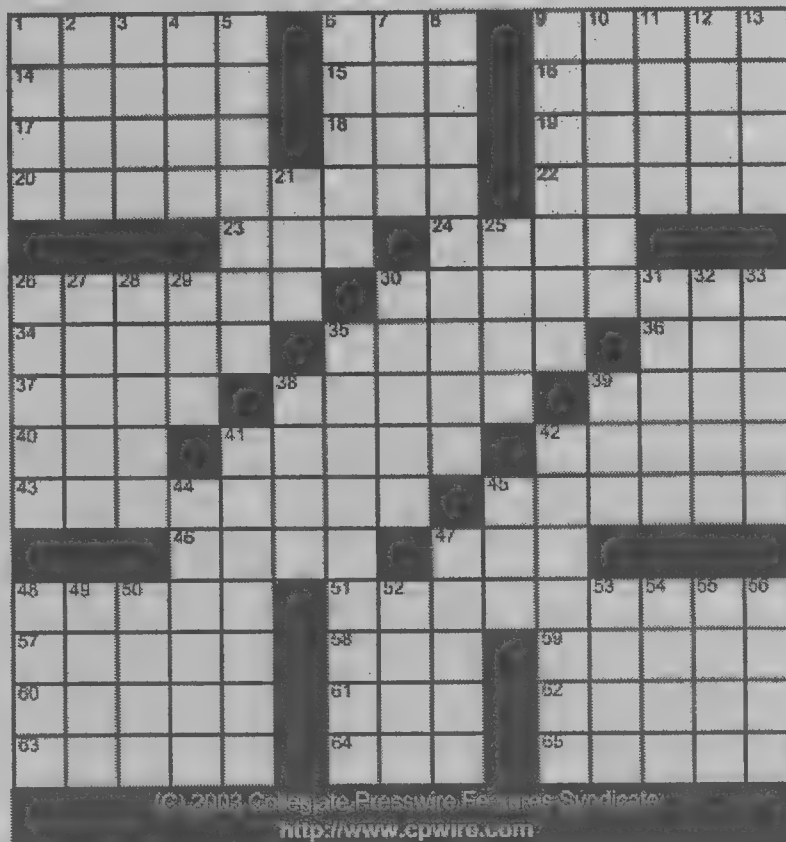
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ACROSS

1. Bring water to this
6. South Orange, NJ college
9. Cupid's projectile
14. Earth
15. Total commandments
16. Whimpy
17. Made of oats
18. Pacific NW state
19. Monastery
20. Move cautiously
22. Subterfuges
23. Help
24. Pawn
26. Go to sleep
30. Calculated
34. Invalidate
35. Strides
36. 100 square meters
37. Inhabitant of #19 Across
38. Ear of Panama, c.g.
39. "Out, damn ___!"
40. Fall mo.
41. Actor Flynn
42. Idaho city
43. Acidic volcanic rock
45. Room
46. Red gem
47. Answer sheet
48. God's
51. Allied goods transfer
57. Raccoon-like animal
58. Wrath
59. Golf score
60. Social prohibition
61. Nothing
62. Involving a certain space
63. Serious
64. Electric fish
65. Hound lips

DOWN

1. Not under
2. Suitor
3. Scraps
4. Angers
5. Canon firing cord
6. Endured
7. Submarine sandwich
8. Immoral
9. Practice anarchy
10. Admonish
11. Baby back, c.g.



12. Arch type

13. Causes

21. Yuck!

25. General Motors brand

26. Hearsay

27. Period

28. Twenty minus "w"

29. Writing liquid

30. Bout

31. Fast

32. Irregularly notched

33. Discourage

35. Political group's policy

38. Home

39. Male child

41. Evasion

42. Herb

44. Public speaker

45. Marry

47. Toll

48. Play sections

49. Tug or love follower

50. Talking pig

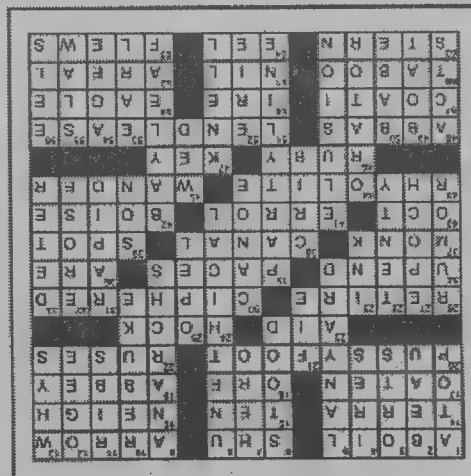
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54. A Death in the Family author

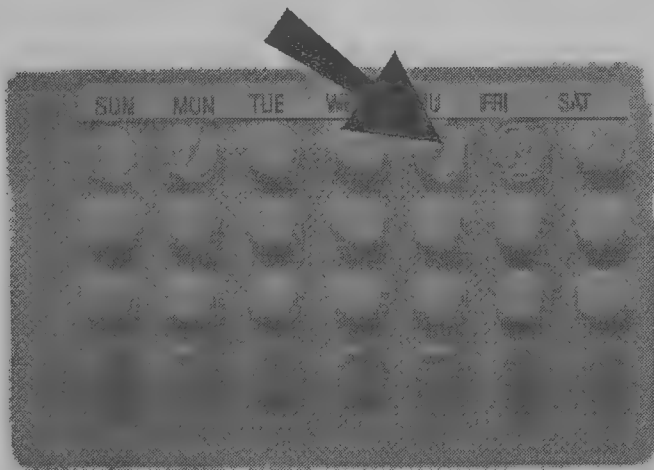
55. "Cole" follower

56. Two of #64 across



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Cook Commons Scene Of Student-Protest

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At 12:15 a trumpet sounds. The protesters crumble to the ground. Some fall in piles. Some fall across tables. People eating lunch drop their forks and shove their chairs back. They stare at the bodies lying in front of them.

One guy falls in the line at the register. Two shocked students get down on their knees and shake him, "Are you okay?"

The cashier responds, "It's okay honey; he's dying. He's protesting the war."

Over fifteen students lie motionless in the Billings cafeteria, dressed in black, with their heads to the floor. Senior Keith Rosenthal stands up on a chair.

"These people do not have to die. And they will not die in our name."

Keith Rosenthal speaks for only a minute, but during his entire speech students from the back shout, "Shut up!" and "Sit down!" and "Take a shower!"

About ten students grab their lunches and walk out; most people in the room are silent.

Rosenthal steps down. Many students cheer. The "dead" get up and everybody in the room starts talking at once. A young cameraman, dressed in black, approaches one of the students who had yelled out against Rosenthal's speech.

The outraged student screams at him, "Get that camera out of my face or I'll f***ing punch you in the face!"

David Hicks walks up to the cameraman and the student and says, "This is a public place. We have the right to protest here."

The student snaps, "What you're doing is disrespectful. For the safety of our country, our people are putting their lives on the line."

One day you guys will understand that you live in the best country in the world." His hands are shaking; his face is red. Hicks takes a deep breath to respond.

The guy doesn't give him a chance. He turns his back to him, sinks into his chair and puts his head in his hands.

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A Closer Look At The Student Government Association Candidates

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"The dorms are home to many of us, and we need to feel safe in them," said Thibault. "The card swipe is a good idea, but not security cameras."

"All of our platforms are similar," said Laman. "What students need to focus on is the personalities of the candidates. Joe and I are open-minded and able to talk to all students, and are willing to listen to all as well."

Thibault is a junior and Laman a sophomore, and both are SGA Senators. Thibault is a FIJI brother, and Laman is the president of FIJI.

Candidate Darnell is focusing on the lack of communication between many groups: student v. administration, police services v.

students, different student groups, and UVM v. downtown and the state.

"We're at a crossroads right now," said Darnell. "There are many projects in the works right now, and continued pressure and student input are vital to these projects continuation and success."

Another concern of Darnell's is the drug problem on campus. She has an idea of creating somewhat of a "third party safe house" in which people can bring students who might be overdosed, and not worry about getting caught.

"There is a huge discrepancy between what Police Services goals are, and what students think. I believe a common ground can be reached."

United States 'Caught' In U.N Espionage

By JEFF HASTINGS
Cynic Staff Writer

"Uncle Sam Spies on U.N. Delegations," and "U.S. in 'Dirty Tricks' Battle to Win Vote on Iraq War: Report," headlines reported in an Australian and French newspaper, respectively.

In fact this story, first reported by London's Observer, has been making headlines all over the world except in the country that is the subject of the story—the US.

The Observer's story was based on a memo allegedly sent by an official of the United States' own National Security Agency who wanted "insights as to how the membership [members of the U.N. Security Council] is reacting to the on-going debate RE: Iraq, plans to vote on any related resolutions, what related policies/negotiating positions they may be considering, alliances/dependencies, etc."

Simply put, the memo asks to gather information, or spy, on cer-

tain undecided members of the Security Council concerning their feelings on Iraq.

Espionage is nothing new or out of the ordinary in United Nations proceedings, but rarely is it brought to light.

When the story first broke, the Drudge Report questioned its authenticity because of its British spelling and misspelling of certain officials' names—warranted objections.

The Observer replied by clarifying that the memo had been altered for British spelling, but then had it, "reverted to the original US-spelling as in the document leaked to The Observer."

Any doubt held by the international media concerning the authenticity of the memo was laid to rest in the White House's refusal to answer, "questions of that nature (questions concerning US Intelligence)", as Ari Fleischer put it. Although this is the policy of the NSA and the CIA, the

refusal of our government to deny these allegations is taken as an admission of guilt by much of the foreign media.

It is not known who leaked the memo to the media, but it implies that there is major dissention in either the CIA or British Intelligence.

The more disturbing implication of this incident is not that American newspapers chose not to run any stories about the memo, but the fervor with which the European and International newspapers exploited the story.

According to an American foreign relations expert, "the Franco-German axis is looking for reasons in order to justify their waning influence in the Security Council, and they're groping for straws and this is one of them."

Regardless of the intent of the story, the popularity of the memo scandal is a clear sign of the unpopularity of the United States in the international community.

U Of Arizona To Raise Tuition By Grand Amount

U-WIRE

TEMPE, Ariz. - The Arizona Board of Regents approved the largest tuition increase in the state's history Thursday, voting 9-0 for a \$1,000 hike for resident undergraduates coupled with a 140 percent increase in mandatory financial aid.

The increase will bring next year's in-state undergraduate tuition to \$3,593.

Regents also approved \$1,250 increases for out-of-state undergraduates and in-state graduate students, and a \$1,500 increase for out-of-state graduate students.

It was a dramatic policy shift for the board, which last year voted 6-5 for a \$96 tuition increase, believing low tuition was the best way to keep a university education affordable. Since then, several regents, including board president Jack Jewett, have re-evaluated their position, saying financial aid is the key to university affordability.

Packaged with the hikes was an extensive financial aid package that will keep resident undergraduates who receive Pell Grants from feeling the financial ill effects of higher tuition.

"Having the financial aid in place, I think that's a milestone," Jewett said.

President Pete Likins has said that of the \$34.5 million in revenue the tuition hike is expected to generate, more than \$20 million will go toward financial aid. The rest of the money generated by the hike will go toward helping the university recover from state budget cuts that have sliced more than \$30 million from University of Arizona's coffers in the last two years.

"(Money) is at the very least the oxygen of the system, and without it the system will starve," said Regent Gary Stuart.

In recent weeks, administrators and the Faculty Senate have dis-

cussed using more than \$6 million to improve faculty salaries through merit-based raises.

But the \$13.9 million left after financial aid raises won't put UA on firm budgetary ground, Jewett said.

In recent weeks, Jewett and Student Regent Matthew Meaker traveled to university campuses across the state to discuss the possible tuition hike with students.

Meaker said he came away from those talks confident that students understood the need for a hike.

Regents rejected a proposal from student body President Doug Hartz that would have raised resident undergraduate tuition by \$900 and non-resident undergraduate tuition by \$1,450. Likins told regents that such a substantial out-of-state increase might deter students from attending UA.

Because out-of-state students pay so much more in tuition than in-state students, the university could risk losing money if out-of-state students don't attend, Likins said.

"We are all working to make the universities accessible to all the students of the state," said student lobbyist Ryan Patterson.

About five students, including one from UA, stood outside Arizona State University's Memorial Student Union before Thursday's meeting collecting signatures from people opposed to a tuition hike.

The students, who represented chapters of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan from across the state, said they weren't convinced that tuition hike money would go toward financial aid. If it didn't, they said, it would severely damage university accessibility for minority students.

"It's about holding them accountable," said Veronica Martinez, the co-chair of UA's MEChA chapter.

As the meeting opened, the protesters walked into the room with

a large piece of cardboard nearly covered with signatures of people opposing an increase.

Likins has pushed for more comprehensive financial aid since assuming UA's presidency five years ago. But he has had trouble convincing people that if higher tuition is coupled with more financial aid, a university education is more affordable than if tuition and financial aid are both low.

"It's a hard message to get through, but this is better news than last year for needy students," Likins said.

Likins also said Thursday that he will propose increasing tuition next year so it matches the 33rd percentile of public universities. That would amount to a more than \$200 increase next year. Had regents adopted Hartz's proposal for a \$900 increase, Likins warned that next year's increase would likely be \$100 more than it would be if regents raised tuition \$1,000 now.

"Adding \$100 to next year's problem creates a sense of discomfort," Likins said.

Graduate student protection has been an issue in recent weeks, as Graduate and Professional Student Council President Pete Morris pushed for research assistants to be completely protected from tuition hikes. Likins has already promised to protect teaching assistants.

Morris and Likins are both confident that research assistants will be protected, but Likins hasn't been willing to promise it because he wants the professors who oversee research assistants to help pay their RAs' tuition.

Governor Janet Napolitano, a voting regent, and Regent Christina Palacios were absent at Thursday's meeting, but both have also voiced support for a \$1,000 increase.

Univeristy Of Pennsylvania Under Scrutiny For Students' Misuse Of File-Sharing Software

U-WIRE

PHILADELPHIA - The University of Pennsylvania's Office of Information Security was one of an unknown number of universities across the nation to receive an abundance of complaints from Universal Studios in the last week regarding students who were illegally sharing movie files.

Penn received 100 allegations of misuse of copyright material. This reflects an upward surge from an average of five to 10 complaints that the University typically receives from media companies each week, according to University Information Security Officer David Millar.

Millar said that his office has contacted the owners of the offending machines and referred the cases to the Office of Student Conduct.

"Students, generally speaking, are contacted, told of the complaint, informed about copyright law and the vulnerability that they are exposed to if they are found in violation and asked to cease the activity and correct the problem," Office of Student Conduct Director Michele Goldfarb said. "Ordinarily, that's the end of the matter."

More serious cases, such as repeat offenses by the same users, can result in more comprehensive follow-ups by the OSC.

According to Millar, machines from which files are being shared have been linked to both students and faculty on Penn's campus.

In addition to Penn, Universal Studios also sent a large volume of complaints to a number of other colleges, including Michigan State University, which received 500 complaints, Northwestern University and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, according to Wisconsin technology official Brian Rust.

The University of Maryland at College Park received a large volume of complaints from Universal as well.

According to Rust, movie and music companies obtain users' IP addresses -- which serve to identify computers -- by searching the databases that people use to download movies and music.

An IP address can also be used to obtain the e-mail address of the computer's user as well as its location. As a result, production companies are able to track who is sharing files and cite them for copyright violations.

Technically, merely possessing a copyrighted file is illegal in itself.

"By downloading the movie, you're basically engaging in obtaining stolen property," Rust said.

The copyright law that Universal Studios claims students are violating states "that you need to have express permission to be able to copy, use or transfer to another medium... material that is copyrighted," according to Rust.

However, only transgressors on the distribution end of the file sharing process have been implicated up until now.

Millar said that while many users knowingly allow their files to be shared, some have no knowledge that their files are available to others.

"Sometimes, it's intentional sharing of files," Millar said. "Sometimes, some of these machines have been hacked."

This discrepancy has led to difficulties for officials required to reprimand and punish offending users.

University of Delaware sophomore Patrick Riley received an e-mail last semester from Warner Brothers claiming that he had been distributing hundreds of copies of the movie "Austin Powers in Goldmember" across the world.

The company contacted the University of Delaware as well, and then left the issue of disciplinary action up to the school's officials.

"I was shocked," Riley said. "At first, I was really scared because I didn't know what was going to happen."

The university simply instructed him to stop sharing his files -- something that he claimed was unintentional in the first place -- and also threatened to take away his Internet access for a year or for the remainder of his time at the school if he refused. Warner Brothers itself did not pursue the situation further.

This seems to be the typical course of action for students across the nation found in violation of these types of copyright laws.

In the case of Universal Studios, Rust said, the company does not hold colleges and universities responsible for its students' offenses. However, the company does expect the universities it contacts to then relay the complaint to the offending students.

"The schools really are just passing the word along to their

users," Rust said.

The commonality of file sharing and media companies' current high level of response has led to increased concern at some universities.

"We are considering our practices and consulting with our legal staff for what to do," said Amy Ginther, coordinator of Maryland's NETHics Project.

She noted that Maryland has been in the practice of limiting the amount of bandwidth that can be devoted to peer-to-peer sharing and will continue to do so.

"We have not talked about any more extensive prevention," she said, adding that Maryland has not yet contacted the list of offenders that were reported by Universal Studios last week.

Other universities are working on ways to inhibit copyright infringement. Some have implemented firewalls, which prohibit the downloading of any files.

Penn does not have a firewall because, Millar noted, "It blocks legitimate use of the network."

"When you're talking about an institution of higher education, you have to give people access to any content that can be used for educational purposes," Rust said. So what does the future hold?

"I think all intellectual property owners are making more and more efforts to protect their content," Millar said.

"This is probably just the beginning," Rust agreed.

Any regulatory changes could have serious implications for the countless number of students who download files. But at Penn and elsewhere, students disagree about whether media companies are justified in their concerns.

College sophomore Erika Klingensmith said that she believes production companies shouldn't be concerned with losing money through illegal downloading.

"If I download a song and like it enough, I'm going to buy the CD anyway," she said.

Engineering freshman Scott Ferguson disagreed, saying that Universal Studios was "probably right" in taking action against offenders.

Still, Ferguson, who shares files that he downloads from www.kazaa.com, noted that he was a little worried about the increase in concern from production companies and thought that their actions might affect his downloading behavior.

Acclaimed Indian Writer Amitav Ghosh To Visit UVM



By HUCK GUTMAN Contributing Writer

Amitav Ghosh, one of India's finest novelists, will be visiting the University of Vermont for a week, beginning on Monday, March 10. He will be the guest of the English Department, coming here as the Buckham Scholar for Spring 2003. He'll meet with a variety of classes in comparative studies and postcolonial literature, as well as with a special undergraduate seminar that is studying his novels.

Ghosh is regarded, along with V.S. Naipaul, Salman Rushdie, Anita Desai and Vikram Seth, as one of India's most important novelists.

His work explores life in colonial and post-colonial situations, and ranges in form from magical realism to broad historical accounts, from complex narrative structures to science fiction. In fact, he won the Arthur C. Clarke Prize for Science Fiction, the first writer from a developing nation ever to win a prize in that genre.

He has also won the Sahitya Akademi Award, the Prix Medicis Etrangère, and three of his books have been chosen by the New York Times as a Notable Book of the Year.

Students in the Ghosh Seminar in the English Department have been particularly impressed by the deep humanity he brings to examining what it is like to live in the modern world -- and by his awareness of the richness of the past. They have been finding each of his books -- *The Shadow Lines*, *The Glass Palace*, *The Calcutta Chromosome*, *In an Antique Land*, and *The Circle of Reason* -- exciting to read, challenging of routine expectations, and filled with new views of what it is to be human.

Ghosh will be giving a public talk at U.V.M. on Monday, March 10 at 5 P.M. in the Campus Center Theater. He subject will be *Time, Myth and Historical Memory*. All are invited to attend, and to speak with him afterwards at a public reception in the Marble Court of Fleming Museum.

U.S Places Faith in Bush Bush Places Faith in God,

Continued From Front

President Bush has firmly made the decision, and stated numerous times, that America, should Iraq not willingly disarm, must go to war.

The world and the American people are asked to, as Bill O'Reilly puts it, give our government, "the benefit of the doubt."

Bush stated that, "Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them."

Bush asks for the faith of the American people because, like God, Bush can differentiate good from evil, "and America will call evil by its name."

Currently that name is not Satan but Saddam.

Using Biblically derived language is nothing new for American presidents, "it is the

rhetoric that our leaders have always used to link the nation's purposes to those of a transcendent God—especially in times of war," as Newsweek's Howard Fineman points out.

Bush's critics accuse him of simplifying complex issues with this rhetoric of moral clarity, while others appreciate his decisiveness.

President Bush still has his faith he developed 17 years ago. This is evident in his actions.

Everyday he wakes before dawn to read the Bible, short sermons, or other Christian material.

Bush is very open to justifying this war with Christianity, and he's betting his presidency on it.

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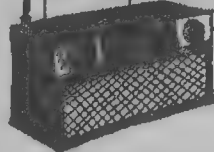
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9-12pm	Ted "8x10 Gallery" Jazz/Folk/World	Casey "Sartous Outmael" Indie	LJ Palardy "L.J.'s Dream" Jazz/Electic	Robert "Sow more sally" electic	Umno "The Sleepy Strange" melancholy indie	The Howie Rose Show	Anna "A little bit Country" indie/country
12-3pm	Terrell "The Ralph Phillips Show" DownTempo/Drum n' Bass	orin "Alphabet Soup" Chillout, Trippy hop, RPM	Jimelaya "misunderestimated show" Downbeat -to-> dance	Sophia "The sound shaped blank" Hip-Hop and more	Rick O'Neil "In the Moment" Variegated	Tayl "Electric Pop Roxx" Indie/Pop/Rock/ Electronic	Mutant 23 "What's This?" Electronic & Ambient
3-6pm	Free Range Chicken "They Haven't Got me Yet!" Electic	Joah "Beware of the Sheep" Electic	Mat the DJ rock	Dj Cra8 "Evidentale" Hip-Hop and Trip Hop	Vince "Driving Music" loud rock	Infinita "The 6th Borough" Soul & Hip-Hop	Pat "The Grindbox" Metal/Punk/R'nR
6-8pm	Soup Sam "Dread Intervention" Reggae	Gahford & Meghan "The Flying Trapeze" Bluegrass/Jazz	Brian Lefranchi "The Improvibe" Funk/Downbeat/ world/Jazz	"EXPOSURE" Live Local Music	Paul "Mostly Cat Bands" Indie/electic	Super K "Rhythm Rock" Classic Reggae	Caitlin "Silence in Stereo" Electic/Rock/ Classical
8-10pm	Dan & Steve "Break'n the Road" Bombay II: Electic Vindaloo	Monsen "Drop and Roll" Dance Music	Tom Ayres "Emotional Weather Report" american roots & electic	Maria B "The Surashot" Beats	Dread Lion "sounds of Itation" Reggae	Molo "Cultural Bunker" Hip-Hop	Kristen Electic/Indie
10-12pm	Kyle "Irie Vibrations" Roots & Dub Reggae	John Hinkley "Jazz &..." Jazz electic	DJ Andrew W. "Kenetic Groove" House/Trance	Jack Spade "Heavy Rotation" Hip-Hop/R&B	Valeria "Helixer" House	Tabu "SoulPlay" Soul/Funk/Hip-Hop	Spanky "Soundelash" Dancehall
12-2am	DOL SKI "Sounds from the Subway" Hip-Hop/old Skool	Jeremy "Queen City Rockout" indie/punk/hardcore	Samson "Righteous Video" Roots/Dancehall	Captain Humongous "Cookfight" PostApocalyptic Impertiet Folk	Brad "Floodlights" Electronic	DJ O "Doin it to your Earhole" Hip-Hop/Trip-hop	SamSam "The Fog Machine" Independent/Folk/ Rock
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Vermont Family Subject of Vitamin-C Study

PRESS RELEASE

For 25 years the Larocques, a close-knit family in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, have been the focus of a group of UVM medical researchers trying to unravel the mysteries of a rare genetic disorder, protein C deficiency, that affects people worldwide. The condition has an incidence of one in 200 in the general population, but nearly one in four Larocque family members carry it. Among other problems, it can cause thrombosis — clots that form in the deep veins of the leg — which in turn can lead to deadly pulmonary embolisms.

As the UVM study has evolved, it has extended beyond the characterization of a new-to-science clotting disorder to include biochemical, psychological, clinical and genetic components. UVM researchers typically set up in regional medical facilities or visit family members in their homes. Family members give blood samples, answer health questionnaires, and undergo ultrasound imaging of their leg veins.

Back in the lab, the data collected in some of the state's most bucolic settings is studied with the most advanced techniques available. The study is one of the largest and longest running of its kind and has come of age along with the science of molecular biology. Blood samples from family members are analyzed

using the latest gene-mapping technologies and statistical approaches, some originally developed for the Human Genome Project.

"There's no doubt this family has helped prevent thrombotic events in others who suffer from the condition," says Dr. Ted Bovill, professor and chair of pathology and the study's principal investigator. Start of the search

The effort began in 1977 when Dr. Joe Dickerman, professor of pediatrics, examined a boy with swelling in his calves. He suspected thrombosis, and began sketching a preliminary family tree.

The boy was clot-free, but Dickerman remained intrigued by the family. In 1977 the only known genetic risk factor for thrombosis was anti-thrombin III condition. Working with a resident, he tested 50 family members and found their anti-thrombin levels were normal. Dickerman realized that he was closing in on a new genetic risk factor for the disease.

The work stalled for a time, but outside researchers began to close in on characterizing protein C deficiency. In 1985, a call from one of them connected the UVM bloodwork on the Larocques with a genetic disorder beginning to draw increasing attention from researchers.

One of the first jobs of the study was to assemble a highly detailed family tree or pedigree. Peter Callas, assistant professor

of pathology, who became and has remained the primary contact with family members, coordinated the work in the United States.

This resulted, in 1989, in the first of many publications dealing with the family. Subsequently, an international team developed the family pedigree. Then genotypes for marked regions of the genome around the protein C gene were taken for 117 relatives from France, Quebec and Vermont. Applying statistical probabilities to all potential genetic pathways, three Quebec researchers were able to trace the specific protein C mutation back through 400 years. The trait originated with a distant uncle who emigrated from France to Quebec with his wife in 1669. "We now know that the husband or the wife in this immigrant couple was most likely the originator of what has become a classic study of a genetic founder-effect in disease," Callas says. A crucial protein

Thanks to the thrombosis study, more is now known about protein C and its role in clotting. Protein C was first cloned in 1982 by George Long, now a professor of biochemistry, when he was working for Eli Lilly & Company. Long was interested in the fundamental causes of thrombosis and sought to unravel the structure of the protein. "We needed to characterize the gene to understand the protein," he says. Using the early tools of recombinant DNA technology, Long sequenced the gene and characterized the muta-

tion itself. He won the "Inventor of the Year" award from the Intellectual Property Owners Association in 2002 for his work, which contributed to Xigris, a medication used to treat a serious blood infection called sepsis. Protein C may eventually become a basis for treatment of other circulatory diseases.

"What makes protein C deficiency especially interesting to geneticists," says Bovill, "is that the clinical expression of protein C deficiency is so variable. Many protein C deficient family members, in fact a majority of them, all of whom are carrying the same mutant allele, never show any symptoms of thrombosis."

This anomaly sent researchers on a search deep into highly sophisticated molecular genetics studies, looking for multigenic interactions with protein C deficiency. Having ruled out many interactions, the UVM team, in collaboration with researchers at the University of Utah, is now looking for one or two unknown mutant genes that, together with protein C deficiency, results in thrombotic occurrences.

"One of the benefits of the thrombosis study and this wonderful family," Long says, "is that it will help medical science improve its understanding of far more common multigenic diseases like diabetes, arteriosclerosis and hypertension — extremely complex tasks because of the multiple genetic and environmen-

tal interactions that come into play to bring about the expression of these conditions." Genetic hunt

The genetic research aspects of the thrombosis study, funded in part by a five-year, \$1.35 million National Institutes of Health grant, are at the leading edge of human genetic research. Using gene markers, researchers can look for relationships within the DNA of family members who have both protein C deficiency and thrombotic symptoms. The work calls for accurate clinical descriptions in the field, sophisticated molecular genetics analysis and intricate statistical analysis in the lab.

So far the search has been narrowed from the 30,000 to 60,000 genes in the human genome to 50 to 100 genes, many of whose function is still unknown. Bovill uses the analogy of searching through the San Francisco phone book to describe this aspect of the study. "We're going from the whole book to the C's and eventually down to a single, or several, street addresses."

Bovill says getting to that point, which will lead to better understanding of how to treat a condition as common as stroke, will depend on clinical data collected in field trips to examine family members in the Northeast Kingdom and Quebec. In the end, a quarter century of important scientific inquiry becomes a common effort, a family affair.

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Women's Basketball Goes Out Strong with a 25-Point Win at Stony Brook

Sophomore Kim Corbitt's jumper with two seconds left in regulation lifted the Maine Black Bears past Vermont, 54-52, in a battle between the top two teams in the America East Conference on "Senior Night" at Vermont.

Both teams were cold from the floor to start the game, Vermont missed its first 10 shots of the game and didn't score a field goal until junior Aaron Yantzi hit a jumper at the 14:06 mark of the first half to make the score 8-4 in Maine's favor.

Maine, which shot just 37% from the field in the first half, went ahead 18-5, behind nine points from junior Heather Ernest, to take a 13-point lead, its biggest of the game.

Maine's Heather Ernest led all scorers with 16 points on 6-for-9 shooting and grabbed 12

rebounds to lead the Black Bears. Melissa Heon chipped in 12 points and eight boards, while Corbitt added 12 points and six assists. Maine shot just 35% from the field for the game.

Hall and Cressman both posted double-doubles in their final home games at Patrick Gym. Hall scored a team-high 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and was a perfect 8-for-8 from the line. Cressman added 10 points, eight in the second half, and grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds.

The Catamounts shot a season-low 30.9% from the field, but out-rebounded the Black Bears, 42-38, on the glass. Maine entered the game ranked 14th in the nation in rebound margin at +8.1. UVM's defense also held Maine to a season low 54 points, the Black Bears came into the

game averaging 70.2 points per game.

Vermont then wrapped up the regular season with a win at Stony Brook on Saturday at 2:00pm. Junior Aaron Yantzi led four Catamounts in double-figures with a game-high 26 points as they posted the 82-57 victory.

With the victory, Vermont improves to 20-7 overall and 12-4 in America East. It's the second-straight 20-win season for Vermont in head coach Keith Cieplicki's tenure and the fourth time in his six years on the UVM sidelines.

The Catamounts made a statement in the opening minutes of action. A lay-up by sophomore Danielle Sabourin gave Vermont a 19-8 lead at the 13:45 mark of the first half. Vermont would maintain its double-digit lead the

rest of the way. Sabourin's lay-in also ignited a 13-0 run that was capped on a jumper by Yantzi to put the Catamounts up 30-8 with 10:43 left before halftime.

Vermont headed to the locker room up 47-25. UVM shot a sizzling 66.7% from the floor (18-for-27) and Yantzi scored 16 of her 26 points in the first stanza.

UVM continued to pour it on in the second half, quickly increasing its lead to 30 points on a lay-up by senior Morgan Hall. Vermont would jump ahead by as many as 35 (74-39) in the second half and cruised to the victory.

Senior Dawn Cressman has a solid all-around game, scoring 15 points, grabbing eight rebounds and handing out five assists. Hall finished with 11 points, four rebounds and four assists and sophomore Katie McNamara

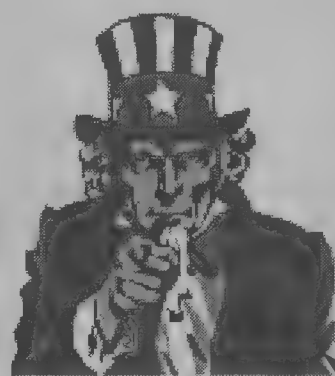
chipped in 12 points.

Junior Sherry Jordan led the Seawolves with 12 points and six rebounds despite being saddled with three fouls in the first half. Theresa LoParrino added nine points and three assists for Stony Brook which closed out the regular season with a 7-9 record.

Up next for both the Catamounts and Seawolves is the America East Women's Basketball Tournament which will be held March 13-15 at the University of Hartford.

Vermont, the #2 seed, will play #7-seeded Binghamton at noon on Thursday in the first game of the tournament. Stony Brook, the #5-seed will play #4-seeded New Hampshire at 8:00pm on Thursday.

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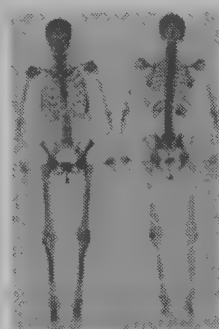
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Coppenrath Named Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year

University of Vermont sophomore Taylor Coppenrath (West Barnet, Vt.) was named the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year at the conference tournament banquet in Boston on Saturday night.

Also named to the All-America East, first team, Coppenrath was joined by senior forward Grant Anderson (Minnetonka, Minn.) on the all-conference team.

The pair of standout forwards led the Catamounts to a second place finish in the America East (11-5) and a 18-11 overall record heading into the conference tournament. The 18 wins are the third-most in program history following 21 last year, and 19 in 1946-47.

Coppenrath, the America East's leading scorer, is the second straight Catamount to be named player of the year and the school's fourth overall. He joins last year's winner and teammate, T.J. Sorrentine as Catamounts who have won the award since it was named in memory of Kevin Roberson '92, the 1992 winner, who was killed in an automobile accident ten years ago this May. The West Barnet-native is the second Green Mountain State-native to win player of the year honors joining UVM's first honoree, Matt Johnson '91, of St. Albans.

In the last two seasons, Vermont has had two different sophomores win the award who were the conference rookie of the year the previous year. This is believed to be unprecedented in NCAA Division I college basketball history.

Coach Tom Brennan's Catamounts have now had at least one first-team, all-conference selection for four straight years as well as 11 of the last 13 seasons. Vermont also has had at least one player on an all-league team for 14 straight seasons.

The Catamounts are the number-two seed in America East and will take on #7 Albany at 6:00pm on Sunday in the quarterfinals.

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RELAX AND ENJOY THE CYNIC'S APRIL FOOL'S ISSUE! THE NEWS IS FAKE BUT THE ADS ARE REAL

Pro-Capitalist Marchers Converge on UVM; Thousands March To A Greedy Tune: Also, Attached Picture Is Unrelated To Article

By **BOBBY WALKER**
Editor on the Run

Thousands of enraged and embittered right-wingers gathered their money-driven forces behind the Kalkin School of Business this past friday, preparing for the coming march.

Police estimated 3,500 students were present while protest organizers gave \$15,700,000 as the net worth figure for the moneyed-marchers.

The general vibe of the gathered throng of Republicans and neo-fascists was enough to wilt the budding flowers, as they raised their hands in salute to their visions of the global-takeover of capitalistic idealism and the end to the complaints of the poor forever.

If their logic and theories were inconclusive and unclear, they were quick to make up for these shortcomings with the firing of their large rifles and the revving of the V12's that power their "sport-utility-vehicles". Several utility vehicles were



Cynic File Photo

Try-outs for the men's football team are underway.

eventually towed out of the "especially deep grass" in the quad where they had gathered and become stuck.

hey look, this is where I take up
space by jumping waayyy
prematurely hahahahahahaha

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Something Happened This Week Somewhere on Campus

By **NO ONE READS THIS**
I hate my life

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should be getting paid more for this, oh wait I don't. It doesn't matter anyway; no one reads the damn paper anyways.

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blah blah blah blah but have you ever seen his horoscopes I rest my case.

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I mean the place is messy and has no windows Blah blah blah blah blah Blah blah blah you think for all the money I pay to go here they could afford some talent down here.

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Blah blah blah I am misunderstood here, they don't appreciate me Blah blah blah blah blah Blah blah blah screw this I'm writing for Cat Tracks or Cinder Kit, something more newsworthy than this.

Operation UVM Freedom Is Underway

By **NAD LEGOF**
TnediserPMVU

On Friday March 28, 2003 the College Republicans along with Coalition Forces of campus organization including; United Academics, Hillel, Charlie and Kitty Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, Band, Coalition for Responsible Investment, and the Greek Community at large, put into effect "Operation Free UVM".

In Friday night's address to the campus community College Republican President Ganjeev Ya-man, gave the UVM's President Daniel Fogel along with the rest of his dministration an ultimatum to leave campus in 48 hours or face the wrath of the Coalition Forces.

Ya-men also condemned the SGA for failing to follow through with Resolution 0001.

The College Republicans and Coalitions Forces make this decision without the approval of the SGA Security Council.

The College Democrats made it clear that they veto any resolution regarding the use of force.

President of the College Democrats, Dam Borlander, said in an address to the campus, "There is no proof in the claims made by the College Republicans, we will not agreed to pass any resolution that will in act the use of force."

Ya-man claims that Borlander is friend of Fogel, and also that the College Democrats receives

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Student Government Association Actually Does Something

By **KRISTIN DOBBS**
Editor-on-a-Leash

In the first time of its 20-plus year existence, the Student Government Association actually accomplished its first goal ever Tuesday.

In a motion that passed 38-0, and after some discussion and argument, the Senators suddenly realized they did something.

"I don't really know how it happened," said current SGA President Ron Chickentaco.

"Here we were, arguing about Robert's Rules of Order or something, and then BAM! We realized we actually did something."

Ihaveataco was not the only member of the SGA shocked, and some were moved to tears, it has

been reported.

"I mean, I only joined the SGA because my fraternity brothers told me it would be an easy resume builder," said one senator.

"I didn't even run, I was randomly appointed by someone in the office and told to come to meetings.

"I never expected to do anything, and now that we have finally, I'm speechless."

Not everyone is so shocked. SGA President-elect Bo BeBo stated that he knew the SGA would eventually get around to doing something.

"All of those resolutions to stop the war and things like that, I'd thought they come in handy sometime," Bebo said excitedly.

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Here is a new idea...Draw your own photo...

you ungrateful bastards, im sick of doing all the work around here and not getting any credit

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UVM Students Rally, War Is Stopped

To the Editor:

I just wanted to express my friends' and my elation regarding the recent global turn of events wholly prompted by UVM students. "Who knew, man? I just came out here as an excuse to cut class and drink some beers and maybe make fun of some hippies," comments a first-year who wishes to be unnamed. "I think it's really great, though, man, you know, 150 people cut their two classes on a couple of random Wednesdays in a small city in Vermont to stand out in the cold for an hour to protest, President Bush hears about it and decides to have no more war! RAD!"

After ignoring the UN's great disapproval for war and pretty much the popular opinion of the world, President George W. Bush decided late last this past Friday night, after a string of anti-war events at UVM, that he should back off of attacking Iraq. "Wow, that's all I have to say-WOW," commented Bush on UVM's day of anti-war. "Sure, more than 10 million gathered around the world on Feb. 15, sure, the UN said I 'probably' shouldn't go to war, but hell, less than one-fiftieth of the UVM student body shows up for a couple of hour-long rallies outside! Not to mention a day where a couple of the students cut class to play hacky-sack and bang bongos and sing that "Kumbayaa" or whatever song! That takes balls! What a punch in the face! Maybe those hippies are right and I should start dropping acid and not bombs."

"Yeah, it just came out of nowhere," said Vice President Dick Cheney. "One minute he was playing Halo, pretending the aliens were Saddam, but now he's deep in his chambers playing an intense game of Guess Who? with his father, talking about no more war with Iraq. Honestly, I think it's a bunch of fruity business that's going to lead up to no good if you ask me. Plus, he's also been refusing my help in the game of Guess Who?. I keep telling him to ask if the other player's character is a girl, and he won't do it. I think I might deck him in the face again and tell people he choked on a pretzel."

One student was found the morning after one of the rallies in front of the Royall Tyler Theatre. When asked to comment on the war, the student didn't really seem to know what day or month it was. The student's only reply was, "I dunno, man, I've just kind of been sleeping here for awhile; you got five bucks for a sandwich?" Currently, a great majority of Bush's staff is questioning the

president's new decision and is currently checking with Bush's "teenage narcotics advisors" to see if he has been under the influence of any mind altering drugs in the last week, month or, possibly, years.

"Crack...that's all I gotta say," said Secretary of State Colin Powell. "I knew he liked the rock, especially when he watches Sponge Bob Squaredance or whatever, but hell, he might even be on a smack binge if he called off the war. I can't think of any other reason why George would call off the war because a couple of college students rallied in the middle of nowhere, except for the fact that our president was heavily under the influence of crack, and possibly several other drugs at the same time. I wouldn't doubt it if he's been drinking heavily, either; you know how Texans get. But anyhow, I really can't tell if he's on or off drugs anymore. We all used to make a game out of it. It was called, 'How many drugs is George on today?'" Powell then added that maybe the American Government needs to take a hiatus for a couple of months to a warm location, possibly Hawaii, give it some time to feel things out and maybe sip some mai tais.

Currently, UVM students are planning a Pro-Bush rally now to take place in DC somewhere around the White House in the coming months. "Sure, we USED to be against him when he was pro-war, but now that he's not, I guess he's really not that BAD of a guy," replied a junior. "Sure, he didn't really win the election and has screwed up a bunch of other stuff, but hell, if he doesn't want war, I'll party with him. Besides, this anti-war protesting is getting lame. I think we're going to move onto protecting wheatgrass fields next week. I've already got a good chant for this one, too. It goes 'What do we want? Our grass! When do we want it? NOW!' Sure, it's a slight adaptation off of 'What do we want? Peace! When do we want it? NOW!' But whatever, man, it's all in the message or something like that."

Over and above all, the highlight of all of UVM's anti-war efforts occurred when first-year Joshua Seitz received his wish of World Peace made on March 24 after finding a wishbone in his chicken breast at Harris Millis Dining Hall. Seitz defeated sophomore Eric Evans in a wishbone contest which soon followed the discovery of the wishbone. Evans had merely wished for the ability to beat the game Halo for Xbox on Legendary Mode.

Kyle Jongerden
Class of 2006

Meatstick

To the Editor:

Bailey Howe feels the penis.

PENIS. Everywhere in the library where I work, the word PENIS is scrawled on any surface it can take hold. It's funny how widespread this five-letter word is. I think that it's lost all meaning. I'm not even sure what PENIS means anymore because it's been overused so much. Here I am sitting at an old desk on the 3rd floor, trying to read some actual literature. But PENIS!!! It is scratched into the wooden surface like a testament to time. I wonder what happened to the student who took it upon his or herself to expand my mind with this exquisite statement. I think it would be hilarious if it turned out that some dude wrote it and

then later became president.

Seeing the word PENIS brings a plethora of ideas to the human mind. Sexual, political, bathroom humor... Someday, maybe someone will come into the UVM library dreading the task of shelving books and see the word that I myself have scratched into the history books. My PENIS is here for all to see, but only for the few weird freaks of nature to read and comprehend. I write PENIS not for the cheap thrill of defacing public property but to add my statement to the archives: my own private novel. Thank you, Bailey Howe, for bringing my PENIS to the forefront.

Daniel Tomaino
Class of 2005

These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things

There are some truly wonderful people and entities who often go without proper accolades. Let's take several moments to name but a few.

First of all, kudos to the a**holes, hrm, local heroes who have been stealing people's computers. At first glance, these folks seem much less than upstanding, taking without ever giving back, leasing without ever intending to buy.

But, heck, these ladies and gentlemen really bring us away from our technological fixation and instead bring us back to our roots and tradition.

Without their aid, we would never pick up a pen to write a paper. We would so seldom revel in the joy that is the typewriter.

And we would be all but lost to the fine art of sharing, a necessity when scrambling to find a spare computer on which to type reports for teachers ever-so-insistent upon maintaining a high level of modernity. Holla, guys, for bringing us back to our origins.

And so quick are we to jump down the throat of so-called inclement weather. But what is inclement weather if not a test of our endurance?

What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, don't cha know. A little snow in late March is nothing, anyway.

Who can honestly say they have gotten enough mileage out of their pricey winter gear? Every day one can wear one's woolen finery is a day in which one can rejoice.

Let's now bring the focus to loud room-mates/floormates.

Sure, they can easily be deemed inconsiderate. Is that really fair, though?

Looking beyond the surface, one can witness a beautiful phenomenon in progress: communication.

Your loud contemporary just wants to keep you abreast of all he/she is doing. He/she would never think to leave you in the dark, sleepy and alone to curb the sleepiness.

Au contraire-these vocal yokels will let you know just how public is your space, rife and teeming with life and laughter.

The language and link of humanity courses through the veins of each and every talkative Timmy and gabby Gracey.

They really want to fill you in and be filled in on livelihood in total. Isn't that thoughtful?

Further, one must never leave in limbo a shoutout to friends who do nothing but consistently attain better grades than their studious peers. Are they not a lessen in keen evolution?

Look to them for suitable and desirable spouses, as passing on their genes to your children will help create a generation of naturally smarter and more savvy lads and lassies.

Finally, hats off to winter poundage. Hibernation-induced bodily insulation is the stuff dreams are made of.

So much more of you will there be for your honeypie to love that spring fever will be right up your alley.

And who doesn't love the easy access that comes with a friendly face chilling right up your alley? Smile right back at whichever thief, snowflake, loudmouth, slacker or lovehandle that greets you bright and early in the morning.

As & Fs

As

- To the SGA for going out of its way to help out the newspaper. In times of struggle, you're always there for us. Rock on.

- To all of the parking on campus. We never have a problem finding a space in the lot that we paid \$142 a year to park in. We don't mind, if needed, to schlep over from Gut when someone parks diagonally in the only remaining spot. We actually welcome the stress to raise our blood pressure.

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Fs

- To the SGA. Just because. Because we can, and we want to. Ha ha. The power of the pen is mightier than the power of...sorry. Got distracted. Yeah, F to the SGA for not being nice to us. Why wouldn't they? We're pretty hot and tempting.

- You..

- And Your Mom.

I'm right, and you're not. And I can say that because I get to spend all night in the basement typing on old computers while you sleep in your comfortable bed. Roll over, I'm coming in.

Paper Dolls

Everyone loves to dress up. This is a fact. Pretending to be someone else has been a favorite escapist pastime for centuries, but in these insecure times, isn't masquerade and facade more important than ever?

The careers and lifestyle options that are "sham-friendly" include: -Spy -Actor -Witness Protection Program participant -Undercover law enforcement agent -Bachelor party stripper (i.e., "the cop" or "the nurse").

But let's face it; we can't all be secret agents or mafia informants. For your average Joe, opportunities for carefree deceit are few and far between.

Halloween comes but once a year, and theme parties are often sadly not what they should be. (There is nothing worse than showing up to one of these supposed theme parties only to find yourself one of a small select handful that has deigned to go incognito. You tell yourself you are the cool ones, but let's be real for a moment here: You're not.)

Robert Kennedy often invoked George Bernard Shaw's statement, "Some people see things as they are and ask 'why?' I dream of things that never were, and ask 'why not?'"

In this spirit, I ask you to envision a world in which college students attend class disguised as swashbuckling pirates, businessmen moonlight as hippies and policemen issue citations while outfitted as sexy bunnies. I pose the question, "Why not change the name of our present 'Monday' to 'SuperFunThemeDay?'"

Think about it. Monday, as is, has little going for it. Oh boy, another week of school/work/jury duty/whatever. SuperFunThemeDay, on the other hand, is something to look forward to all weekend.

Ever had your birthday fall on a Monday? Not too cool, right? Ever had your birthday fall on a SuperFunThemeDay? Now you're catching on, aren't you?

Perhaps with the implementation of SuperFunThemeDay, we would all learn a little bit about tolerance.

Can you really consider yourself sufficiently costumed on Cowboys and Indians Day if you haven't done a little research into the receding frontier or the plague of alcoholism on the Native American people? This SuperFunThemeGirl thinks not.

Ask any actor: Playing a part does not just mean wearing the clothes. No, it means truly "becoming" the part. I'm not proposing we just talk the talk; I'm proposing we walk the walk. SuperFunThemeDay is not about perpetuating stereotypes, after all. We are looking to increase awareness, here.

Plus, SuperFunThemeDay teaches us to look past each other's differences. Picture a

dispute on Knights and Princesses Day. It wouldn't get very far, now would it?

Someone would inevitably break up the disagreement with words to the effect of, "Yes, we may come from different backgrounds and religions. We may have conflicting political affiliations; we may be of different races.

"But let us stop looking at our differences. Instead, let us look at all of these aspiring Lancelots and Guinevers. Look at how we have all come together to celebrate our common humanity with armor and cone-shaped headdresses."

Still not convinced? Let's look to a more pertinent issue. President Bush issued the 48-hour ultimatum that preceded the military campaign on Iraq on March 17, 2003. March 17 was, of course, a Monday. Bush addressed the nation, saying, "If Saddam Hussein attempts to cling to power, he will remain a deadly foe until the end."

Now let us imagine how that would have gone if March 17 was a SuperFunThemeDay: Perhaps we would have heard, "If Saddam Hussein attempts to cling to power... he will... haha... uh... he will... hehe... I'm sorry, I really can't do this... Saddam, from one French maid to another, this whole thing is pretty silly, huh?"

Yes, the world would be quite a different place if we all just let loose and wore funny outfits.

Don't just take my word for it, though. Give it a testdrive. This Monday, take a look in your closet. What's that, your old Catholic school uniform? Why not take it for a spin? And look at that boring sweatshirt. It could use some ripping, a la Flash Dance, couldn't it? You know you want to.

Yes, you may get some strange looks in your home-made Space Man costume the first time, but comfort yourself with the knowledge that you are ahead of the times. The world may not be ready yet, but you, my friend, are a visionary.

And see if you don't feel just a little better about that 20-page paper due Tuesday that you've left until now. Immersing yourself in make-belief might just make it seem a little more bearable. After all, what's 20 pages to a Super Robot?

Until the rest of the world catches on, I'd like to see a letter-writing campaign to local and national leaders as well as to potential celebrity spokespersons, and perhaps some organized rallies and demonstrations.

I can't recall a successful day of the week name-change as of yet, so this will not be any cakewalk. Our best bet is to teach by example. Suit yourself up, and others will "follow suit."

Natalie Powers is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Republicans Prevent Armageddon

Dude, Friday included one of the most uplifting things to happen since the welfare reform act. Some stupid hippies tried to march around with their commie banners and filthy dreadlocks, protesting our brilliant leader George W. Bush and his push for liberty in Iraq, but we showed them!

My buddies and I from the campus Republicans piled four deep into a shiny new Mazda and drove circles around those a*****, honking, waving American flags and yelling "God bless America!"

Decked out in the new Abercrombie spring line with our Nike shoes and properly gelled-up hair (some of us still care about how we look), we were really a force to be reckoned with.

Those Students Against War wimps were trying to get the school to stop investing in the military with school funds. What a bunch of morons. Firstly, investing in the military is a great idea, because there are always wars being fought, so people will always need weapons. That stuff costs a lot of money, and if we can be cashing in, why the hell not?

Secondly, I don't see anything morally wrong with the idea. I mean, we got our freedom from the Brits by fighting them, not by protesting and crowding up college buildings. That's how you get freedom and peace. War.

Those hippies think they're real mean with their little march with close to 100 people. Screw that. They spend all their time tabling in Cook Commons, holding meetings, organizing rallies and promoting speakers, but we just lie back, wait for them to do something and then go mess it up America style!!!

Like that die-in they had a few weeks ago. We made fun of them and even got political on that ass when one of us yelled, "How do you know that?" Our nation's leader would surely be proud of our extremely informed patriotism.

Whenever we have speakers, they ruin everything. When we had Dinesh D'Souza, they picketed and asked him silly questions, all because he said that slavery might, in the end, have worked out better for blacks than if they had remained in Africa. If you ask me, truer words have never been spoken.

So what did we do wrong? They may have stayed long enough to hear what Dinesh said before trying to shut him down, but do we really have the luxury of doing that? Our speakers promote truth and honesty in the face of liberal adversity. Their speakers try to brainwash people into thinking we should run around breaking things and giving all our stuff away. I couldn't stand to listen to that.

I think if it's good enough for Cheney, Bush and Rumsfeld, it must be good enough for me. Who am I to challenge the leadership and knowledge of these great men? All three of those guys have deep roots in the oil business, so how can anyone tell them they don't know what's best for the

Middle East? They have lots of oil! Theirs are the most capable and knowledgeable hands possible.

There is no one better to look out for the interest of the Iraqi people than George Bush II. He is brave, charming and he never uses words too big for me to understand, unlike all those liberals trying to prove him wrong. They start yelling about "unilateralism, sovereignty and globalization." Who knows what any of those words mean?

Luckily, our leader is not as pompous. I rest assured when listening to the State of the Union that no words with more than three syllables will be used, and that makes me feel safe.

When he was the governor of Texas, Bush defended his state to the utmost, electrocuting all those darkies who dared to look at a white woman or rob a convenience store. Now the battle is even more important. Instead of those dangerous Negroes he fought to keep off the streets, now we have

Saddam, the devil incarnate.

We know he has tons of weapons nobody can find for the life of them. I agree that the solution to this problem is to blow that country sky-high! Only an idiot dares tell me that war is not a viable option to curb potential future problems.

If George says that Iraq has nuclear capabilities as well as chemical weapons, I trust him. Who cares if the rest of the world can't see it? Remember 9/11? A bunch of towelheads blew up the twin towers! Now that we want to get rid of all those bastards, you guys talk about peace and justice? It's like Vietnam all over again. I hope this time we won't sell ourselves short because a bunch of loudmouths can't get their priorities straight. Nuke 'em!! We should have nuked the Ho-Chi-Minh, and now they're just laughing at us, dreaming of conquest.

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Starting April 20, 2003, better known as 4/20/03, The University of Vermont will be sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, better known for being the world's largest beer maker.

"We here in the administration thought, what the f***, the kids already drink it, why not have them sponsor us," said President Daniel Fogel from the steps of the Bud Light Waterman Building.

The St. Louis-based company will be given exclusive rights to all the vending machines and have advertising rights on campus.

The first reported changes will be the names of all the buildings on campus.

The library will no longer be the Bailey Howe Library—it will be the Anheuser Busch Library.

Big changes are also on the way for Old Mill, which will now be called the Old Mill Brewery, when a 30,000 sq. ft. addition is added to the basement which will become a brewery that will produce Old Mill Beer.

This is Anheuser Busch's newest brew and it will be sold at UVM for \$7 a 30-rack for UVM students only, with valid UVM ID (if you don't have an ID, stop by the Bud Ice Catcard Service center).

The first cases of the brew should be ready by the start of the fall semester of 2003.

The Old Mill Beer will be sold in a green and cold can emblazoned with a Catamount.

The beer is slated for nationwide distribution starting in Jan., 2004.

As part of the agreement between Anheuser-Busch and UVM, we will be receiving 6% of every product sold in Chittenden county, 4% of every product sold in Vermont and 1% of every product sold in the rest of the world.

We will also be receiving 45% of the money made by Old Mill Beer and we will own 43% of the stock.

The new brewery will add roughly 150 jobs as well as 20 work-study openings.

"This is a great day for the entire community of UVM," said Fogel, who was wearing a Bacardi Silver tie.

Not everybody in the community is happy about this sponsorship, though.

Apparently, while brokering the deal, local marijuana dealers (the Marijuana Dealers Consortium of Chittenden County, a.k.a. MDCCC) wanted a piece of the action.

A dealer who asked not to be named said, "We know UVM smokes more pot than any place in the country."

"I think a marijuana sponsorship would be much more appropriate than that horse piss of a drink that got the sponsorship."

The Billings Student Center will now be the Budweiser Student center, and will be torn

down and replaced in the next two years.

Included in the new student center will be a bottling plant capable of bottling about 40,000 bottles of Old Mill a day.

The O'Doul's (formerly Harris-Millis) and Natural Light (formerly Simpson) cafeterias will have all of our fine beers on draft and in bottles, and will be included in the meal plan.

"I like the idea, but they're just going to jack the price of the beer way up like they do everything else," said concerned sophomore Lauren Carlson.

Not so true, according to Anheuser-Busch CEO Jack Donaldson.

Donaldson said that, "...in a special clause in the agreement, Sodexo cannot raise the prices of Anheuser-Busch products like they do everything else that comes into their grubby little paws."

Look for all dorms to have a name change and to include vending machines that sell both bottles and cans of our favorite Anheuser-Busch products.

Additionally, each RA will be given a case of beer per side of the hall each week.

The type of beer will be rotated through the large product line the Anheuser-Busch has to offer.

Of course, the RAs will be expected to ID everybody on the hall.

But if there happens to be a 21st birthday on the hall during they year, a free keg of any type of beer will be donated to the hall by the generous people at Anheuser-Busch.

Harris Millis will be an all-freshmen, under-21 dorm renamed O'Doul's, for the non-alcoholic beer that has become so popular.

"This is the bitchin'est thing ever," said admitted high school senior Amanda Hugenkiss.

"I can't wait to start school here next year; I just found out that I'm living in room 313 O'Doul's."

"I can't f***** wait." Concerned parents, don't be worried—your child's tuition will drop from \$30,000 for out of state students to the same price as in-state students.

Sorry, Vermont residents, this newest sponsorship will not decrease your tuition.

According to an unnamed source in the President's office (I wouldn't trust that secretary Dan), there is a deal in the works to cater to the MDCCC and bring down the price of tuition for Vermont residents.

There is, apparently, also an effort in the works to revitalize the University's farm.

Details will be available in the coming weeks.

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Get Your Goat

Just the other week, we all reveled in the wonderful time called spring break.

Spring break is a time when kids get the opportunity to get away from the cold weather and the boring books to have fun in the sun.

I had planned on this year's spring break to be one of the best breaks of all time.

Since I watch MTV religiously, I know that every boy and girl must make at least one pilgrimage to Cancun, Mexico or he/she will die poor and lonely.

In order to prove to the world that my years of religious television watching and mall shopping had made me into a good old American boy just as promised, I decided I would make my pilgrimage this year.

I had been contemplating the issue since the beginning of the school year, but my decision became final when two people were caught wearing shirts with peace signs on them back in my hometown of Albany, New York.

That act was the most outrageous thing I had ever heard of. I always thought that everyone knew to wear Abercrombie and Gap clothes; I mean, really, don't those people want to fit in?

Plus, if we don't listen to our TVs, then we will all be forced to think for ourselves because nothing will be around to think for us—just think about that. On second thought, never mind—that could be dangerous.

Anyway, that whole mall incident really freaked me out and I knew that if I didn't get to the holy land quickly, the devil would soon steal my soul. However, as it turned out, the devil was after me from the beginning.

You see, a month before spring break, the UVM police busted me for knowing a guy who knew a guy whose girlfriend's roommates both smelled like alcohol and lived in the downtown Burlington area.

So I got busted and the day before break I went to Judicial. After visiting Judicial, the court agreed I was guilty and gave me the option of three punishments: the first was a 10 million dollar fine, the second was eternity in a federal pound-me-in-the-ass prison and the third was a metamorphosis into a transvestite billy goat for one full week.

After debating over the choices, I realized three things: first was that I didn't have 10 million dollars, second was that they have bad food in prisons (so I hear) and third was that I have no idea what a transvestite is.

Needless to say, I went with the third option.

As soon as I walked out of the judicial building, I began to realize what I had done. Now I was going to have to spend the spring break of my dreams as a transvestite billy goat. My new bathing suit wouldn't fit.

But then I thought, what would my hero Justin Timberlake do? The answer came immediate-

ly. Sell out and just shake my goat bum like there's no tomorrow. So that was just what I decided to do.

I woke up the next morning as a sexually confused billy goat dead set on making the most out of my spring break.

Upon arriving in Cancun, I immediately realized that this was not going to be the trip MTV had promised.

That night, things went from bad to worse when I realized that I couldn't open the bottle of roofies I had brought along without opposable thumbs.

To get over the loss, I went for a stroll down the boardwalk. I had only walked 10 feet when some drunk horny guy grabbed my ass and made a pig noise at me.

I'm not sure why he made a pig noise, but my guess is he was too drunk to remember what sound a goat makes and made the first noise that came to mind.

Although he put me down in the dumps with that one, you should have seen the look on that jerk's face when one of his buddies turned to him and said, "Dude...I think that's a dude!"

After that embarrassing episode, I walked immediately to the bars, because as every good old American boy knows, when all other attempts at coolness fail, binge drinking is the answer!

Within an hour, I shotgunned 10 beers and went looking for some booty. My tolerance was shot to hell as a result of the whole billy goat thing, and after several shots of Bacardi and few bong hits, I was beyond wasted.

This point of mental instability is what I kept myself in for the rest of break. I spent the rest of break either passed out on the beach, driving drunk in my rental goat mobile or drinking.

The day-by-day most memorable events of this year's break were throwing up all over the people in the boat when I went parasailing in on Monday.

Then on Tuesday, I tried to eat Carson Daily's shorts after stumbling onto the set of MTV Uncut with a really bad case of the munchies.

Wednesday, I managed to fall asleep on the beach only to have some sick prankster draw a penis on my back in suntan lotion. On

Thursday, I had to spend three hours convincing a group of sorority girls that I was not in the movie Babe.

Then, Friday, I really got the lowest blow of all when I got really bad beer goggles and tried to get it on with a lobster.

On Saturday, I flew home, and by Sunday night, I was back to myself again.

Although it was the worst spring break anyone could have asked for, I felt I learned a lot. Gaining a perspective on life from that of a transvestite billy goat made me feel privy to what it might be like to be a transvestite billy goat.

So to all of you out there who feel bad because you missed out on your MTV spring break, I just want to let you know that it's not all that it's cracked up to be.

Especially when you're a transvestite billy goat with a penis-shaped sunburn on your back.

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The SGA Did Something? Say WHAAAAT?!

Continued from front

"We talked and talked about doing something, and now we did.

"I knew it would happen eventually. Have you seen my new website for the clubs? Now they can attempt to do something too!"

While most Senators were excited to have press coverage for something they actually did, some claimed that this was not in fact the first time they ever did anything.

"I mean, do you remember the time that we talked about keeping that gate open late at night somewhere on campus? And tried to have our own newspaper?" said Public Affairs Chair Porch Pastel.

"We do lots of stuff, like that time we....Oh wait, that wasn't us.

"But still, we do stuff, and the paper should cover it. You



guys suck."

One Senator agreed. "I mean, we give little bits of money to random clubs we like while stiffing the others," said financial chair member Bob Bunt.

"We give the biggest amount to ourselves, by far. That's doing something, and plus, we deserve it and these others clubs don't. Like the Cynic."

This isn't the last time one

will see the SGA attempt to do something, I have a promise.

"I mean, if it only took us like 20 years or so to get our act together, then watch out UVM, it might not take us another 20 to do.

"We're going to become a real force on campus, just you wait and see."

Falling: a funny story by Orangey

This one time I found nine dollars and then

this is where the space ended and i had to continue the falling over here

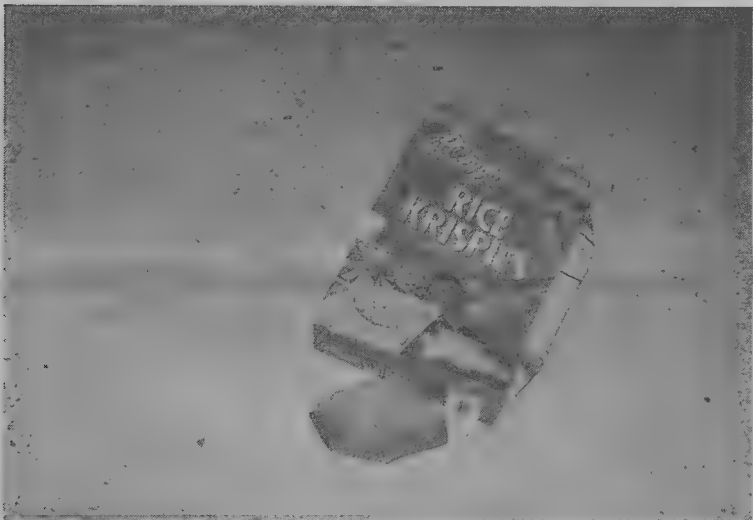
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Obnoxiously Large Title

Heads small Incident Report



4 a.m, sidewalk in front of Billings: Snap, Crackle, and Pop were found brutally beaten and was called 'hideous' by local bystanders. Apparently, prior to the raping of the famous cereal midgets with the brick, there had been considerable felching. The

abundance of rodent hair in the plastic interior of the mysterious trio:

4/20:

Many pot-heads will be arrested for freeing their speech, and police will consider themselves

local heroes for ridding UVM of the terrorists who are funded by the Bush administration's oil habit.

2/15 8:15 p.m An anonymous caller, phoned to report the concealment of chemical and biological weapons by Saddam Hussein. The police dispatched three units to follow up on the claim. They found nothing but "sand and camels; the camels they found to be 'humorous' while the sand was only mildly amusing until it gets in you anal cavity".


End Report.

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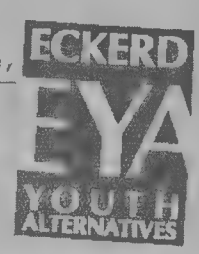
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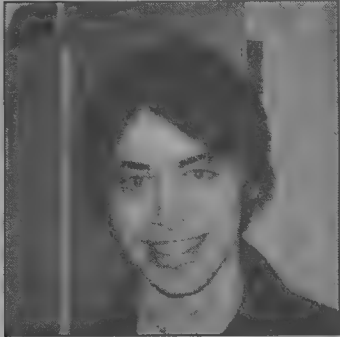
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In Honor of Spring Fever, What Turns You On?

Compiled By:
Dustin Sigler



"Ham, cheese and tomatoe omelette and a root beer float."
Jesse Spina, 2006



"Soccer and dancing in blankets."
Isabell Epstein & Michelle Dollinger, 2006



"Big, ass spiders, bigger than my hand."
Paul Hovan, 2006



"Jack Osbourne and his hot fro."
Angie Lavalla, 2006



"Zoology, because I like animals."
Devin Quinlan, 2006

HA! April
Fools!

Leg Clots

From Front

The greed inspired fervor was soon too much to be contained by simple business buildings.

The mob swarmed forward, and began to march around the university green.

Everywhere the marchers marched, they stripped everything of any monetary value: they smelted the lamp posts for iron, they cut down half the trees in the green for burning, most of the bystanders were immediately enslaved and made to dig up and sell all the remaining plants.

Many carried laptops with scrolling protest signs. One read, "Bush is Jesus Christ", another: "Get the Oil Jesus Christ, Get the Oil for God". Others were blasting the National Anthem from

their cell phones in the form of really loud ring tones.

The capitalist mob was brought to an abrupt halt when, at the intersection of main and college, two policemen were waiting for the light to change.

The march stopped dead in its Prada shoe tracks.

They quietly dispersed and met back at the SGA office, otherwise known as the club club, to pass resolutions.

They knew they would one day rise to power in the greatest government in the world and then they would quash those dirty hippies.

begin spacing out

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Rug Rug Rug

From Front

Borlander adamantly denied those claims, and said, "Campus security is not the real issue, what the College Republicans are after is the complete control of the universities funds."

Scott Helen of the ISO called Ya-man, "a Nazi. . ." and that "the only thing worse than democracy is fascism."

Ya-man responded calling Helen an "ignorant commy."

Helen responded, "Nuht-uh!" There has been no further comment from either of the two on

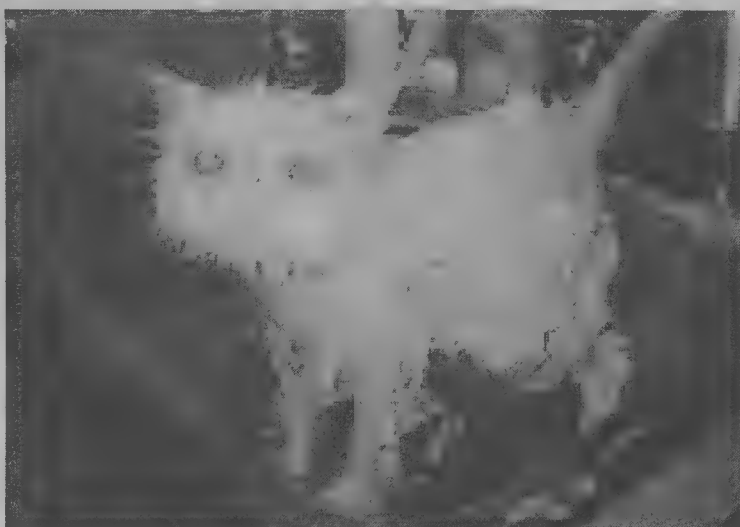
this issue.

Fogel said, "I'll die before I leave this office!"

On Sunday March 30, 2003 College Republicans along with Coalition Forces raided the Daniel Fogel's residence, The Englesby House, armed with 50 paintball guns, and 10 smoke bombs. UVM Police countered the raid with tear gas and stun guns. 100 members of the Coalition Forces were arrested and tortured with their paintball guns.

And then . . . I found 5 dollars.

And Now For Your Enjoyment...



Dedications

I would like to dedicate this real estate on page 6 to the fire-drill we just went through at 11:57 this evening. Thank you De La Soul for keeping it hazy.

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Dear Mr. Spade,

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I hope you come to Burlington sometime, maybe we can hang out? I can show you all around my favorite city, Burlington, Vermont. We could grab a bite to eat, take a nap, and then party!

I should warn you, I party hard! Last week I was kicked out of a fund raiser, held by the Fire Department. They told me I was

screaming and 'intoxicated'. One of the firefighters wanted to hurt me, but I was able to trick him into forgetting about hurting me by talking about Adam Sandler.

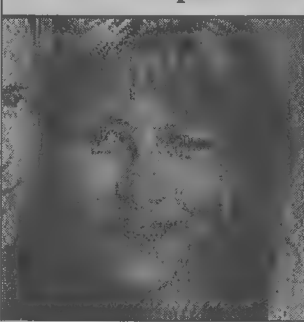
I was really happy he didn't try to hit or kick me!

Can you send a poster of yourself and sign it? I'll give it to the fire department, so they won't sue me or press charges.

My telephone number is 1-800-555-6789.

I'm dead serious,
Nicholas Green

David Spade



You Decide!

Unicycles: Good Time Fun or Possible Death Machines?



Unicycles. Friend or foe, ally or enemy, unicycle or freedom wheel. By any name, these "half-bikes" have become more and more visible in and around the Burlington area within the last six months and pose a serious health risk to the operators, and perhaps more importantly, the bystanders of this popular pass-time. Stay safe people, ride responsibly.



Dennis Leary to The World: 'I'm Still an A**hole!'

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

"Has Dennis Leary lost his edge?", has become one of the foremost questions in the minds of UVM students.

Controversy surrounding Leary's "a**hole factor", began as early as Fall 2002, when the Boston based comedian was photographed mid-toast at a Red Cross fundraiser, seriously compromising the actor/comedian's image.

The controversy reached its apex early February, when a fan verbally accosted Leary in a Boston area diner, claiming the

41 year old comedian had gone "soft".



Dennis Leary seen looking and acting like an a**hole at a Red Cross fundraiser.

"No question about it, Leary has become a p**sy," said Mark

Dropridge, official Leary biographer. "The problem isn't that he's friendly now, it's that he's not the a**hole we've come to expect and respect."

Added Dropridge: "That last one rhymed! Ha! I'm good!"

"Guess what folks? I'm still an a**hole!" proclaimed a visually shaken Leary, during a press conference Friday afternoon. "I was an a**hole before, and nothing has changed...okay? Has

anyone seen my career, I lost it somewhere?"

The Stella Comedy Group Comes to Higher Ground

Michael Ian Black, Michael Showalter, and David Wain have been writing, producing, and performing comedy together and apart for the past twelve years. They met at New York University in 1988, where they helped create the sketch comedy troupe, The State, which went on to a successful television run on MTV (Top Ten Shows on Television - Wall Street Journal), as well as a prime-time special on CBS, a book, State by State with the State, several tours, and a comedy album for Warner Brothers Records.

After The State, Michael Ian Black co-created the Comedy Central series Viva Variety. He was the voice of the pets.com sock puppet and is currently a regular on the hit NBC series Ed. He and Showalter are also seen currently on VH1's I Love the 80's. Michael Showalter and David Wain co-wrote and co-produced (and Wain directed) the feature film Wet Hot American Summer, a comedy about the last day of summer camp in

1981, starring Janeane Garofalo, David Hyde Pierce, Molly Shannon, Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper and many others. Wet Hot premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2001, was released theatrically that summer,

They Came Together, a romantic comedy parody.

The Black/Showalter/Wain co-venture STELLA began in 1997 as a weekly nightclub comedy show that quickly became New York's premier showcase for alternative and

mainstream comedy. Running for six years at Fez in New York's Greenwich Village, the trio hosted such regular guests as Janeane Garofalo, Ben Stiller, David Cross and the Upright Citizens Brigade. STELLA has spawned a series of short films, online at stellacomedys.com (one of Entertainment Weekly's top ten websites of



Editor's Pick

and is now a cult hit on DVD. (David Ansen of Newsweek called it the funniest film of the year.) Showalter and Wain are now prepping their next film,

2001). As a comedy trio, they have performed at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen and hosted the NBC show Late Friday.

Stella will be performing Sunday, April 6 at Higher Ground. Tickets are \$10 online and \$12 at the door.

Look next week to see the exclusive Stella interview

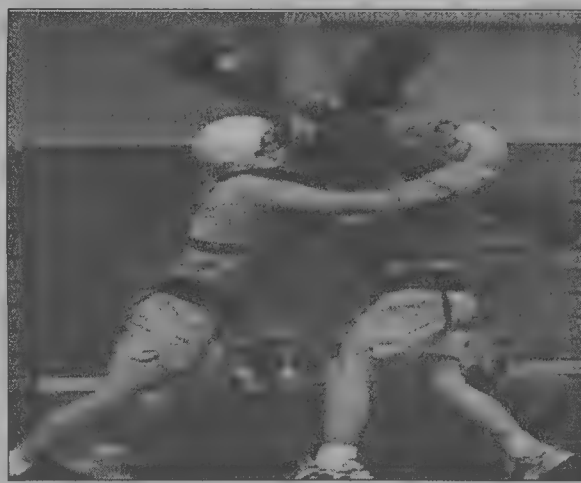
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Weekly Horoscopes

Aries March 21 - April 19

I told George to put a cap on the chatter and tell me some stories about Bush, Barbara. Then Cheney came in and it became a party with emphasis on the Dick. The man likes to party. All night.

Taurus April 20 - May 20

I've just been suspended from UVM for "smuggling human cargo across the US/Canadian border". Crazy huh? I mean, I was in college, I was experimenting. Everyone was doing it anyway...

Gemini May 21 - June 21

Oh, I guess I'm kind of dating him. Well yeah, we did have sex nineteen times last time we hung out, but I'm still not sure if he likes me. Oh I'm so confused! My life!

Cancer June 22 - July 22

Rule 1: You do not disrespect me. Rule B: I'll need forty dollars and pair of chain-mail briefs, certified by the Mad Mad Medieval Society. Rule 3: I woke up a little late today... Rule D: Mary Kate + Ashley=paradise

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22

I don't get any respect from anyone! That's why I decided to become an R.A., and so I could-

Asthma attack! Asthma attack! Where's my inhaler? God this is terrible! Stop laughing! Stop laughing! Whhhhaaaaaa!! I wet my pants! Whhhhaaaa!!!! Sniff, sniff. I hate you all...

Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Hey Cinder-Kit: You still there Cinder-kit? Guess what? You had better stop harassing me and "get over it", otherwise I might have to do something you'll regret...like read your publication!!! Ha ha ha!! I'll regret that too!!! Ha ha ha ha!! Slap (me slapping Cinder-Kit in a public area)!!

Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

The Stars have big plans for you. Right now their plans involve staying up until that infomercial for the workout equipment starts. The one with all the spandex and good feelings. It's like a blanket, warm and secure...

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Daniel Fogel said he thinks you're cute. He's a really nice guy, I think you should give him a chance. Besides age is just a number. He told me to tell you that, the thing about age. Alright, I guess I'll see you in class tomorrow, I love middle school!

Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

The SGA doesn't do anything. By anything, I mean anything. Oh wait, they do the following:

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Dr. Dirty wants to examine your 'condition'. Come on, he's the nation's leading expert in feelyouupology. Can you give me a ride back to my frat? Let's stop and get some dignity on the way. What do you mean I can't buy dignity? How about morality? No, well looks like I'm going to buy roofies again...(smile)

Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

I'm just a freshman, how can I influence anything? Alright, I'll just watch some Janeane Garofalo standup. On second thought I really want to laugh. I'll just watch prop comic Gallagher, now that's comedy. Hey Janeane, less talk more flock...ing.

Pisces Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Reverse shocker. An awkward 'C'. A painful handshake. Ice cream cola. A Slobodan Milosavich. An Uday. A 'birthday present'. A graduation ceremony. The college try: The 'Donald Rumsfeld on a cold day'. It's a move that makes moves.

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By: Master Bates
Cynic Staff Writer

Smart, sexy, sophisticated, and witty are words that perfectly describe Blade Price Brown.

Blade, a junior, started off his UVM career as an Electrical Engineering major, but he quickly change to a major with little practical applications in the modern world, a Classical Civilizations major. So what will he be able to do with this when he graduates? Well, other than being a hit at stuffy cocktail parties, not too much.

Moving past his ability to read, write, and speak Latin and Greek, Blade has a lot going on. He has long been a master of the art of the butterfly knife. He's the Social Chair of his home on the hill, setting up T's and other events where copious libations flow and atrocious sorostatutes flock. His suitemate is God, contrary to popular belief God loves to drink; God has two states, very drunk or very hung over, but this is not a profile of God. It's a profile of Blade.

Blade is a social animal. He loves to party, he loves ladies, and he loves getting down on the dance floor. Now let me address those three things in their respective order. Some may call Blade a lightweight because he gets drunk off of six beers, but Blade is not a lightweight. The correct term is booze bag. This is the correct term seeing that he may indeed get wasted off of six beers but he doesn't stop there, he can hang for the whole night progressively getting more and more

wasted.

Blade loves ladies and the ladies love him, but he is always faithful to his beautiful girlfriend, Brother Jackie. Jackie is a fixture in the house, always around to keep him inline. Jackie is not a lightweight or a booze bag, unlike Blade she can handle her beer, in fact she can drink him under the table. Blade loves to flirt and he's good at it. He'll flirt with the hottest lady at any party, correction, Jackie is the hottest lady at every party he is at, so let's restate what I earlier said to he'll flirt with the second hottest girl at every party he is at. But Jackie does not have to worry because Blade never goes past flirting, in fact with the exception of Jackie, Blade had never gotten past the flirting stage with any other lady, ever.

Blade gets down on the dance floor, he's an accomplished in Ballroom and Swing dancing. So as you can clearly see, Blade is the life of any party he goes to. But life is not one big party, and Blade is well aware of that.

Around his house he is sometimes known as Doctor Blade. Why doctor? Well, because Blade operates. If something needs to get done around the house, Blade is the man his brothers go to. Whether it be building a Beirut table with the Kayak Clown, or other minor carpentry around the house, Blade finishes the job with functionality and style.

Blade Price Browne, the man, the myth, the legend.

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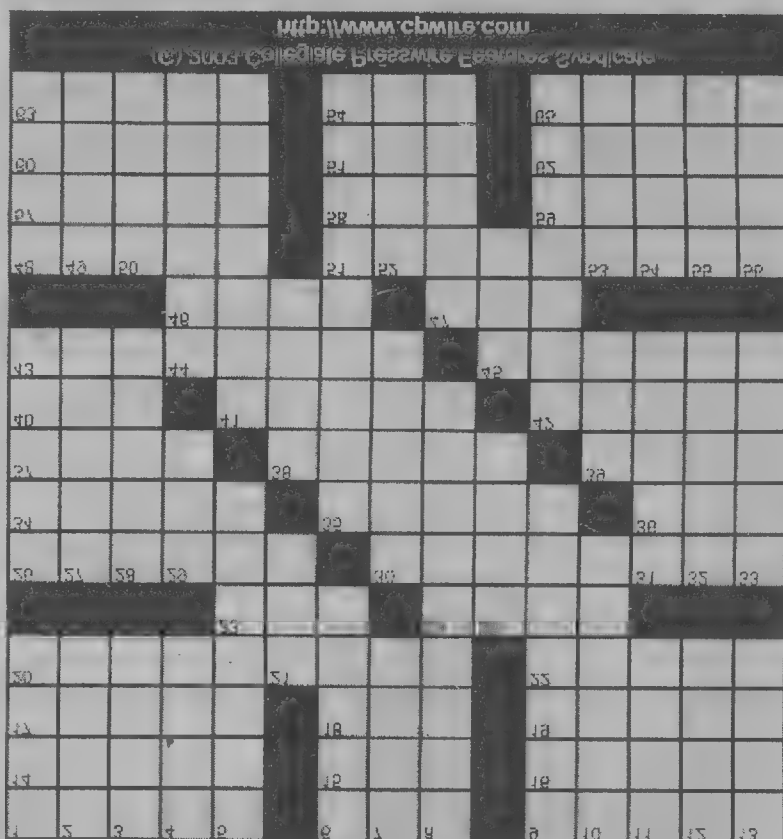
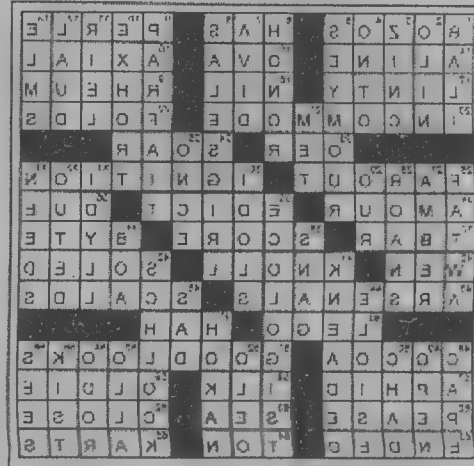
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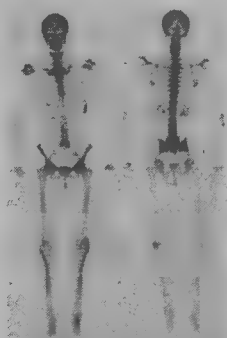
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All Athletes Think Their Balls Feel the Coolest



Even wrestlers like the feel of their own balls better

By **HUGH JOHNSON**
Cynic Sports Correspondant

When you think about athletes and sports and stuff, usually you don't pay too much attention to what the balls feel like. When you think about it though, every sport has a different type of ball, and they all have totally different textures. It's crazy.

Take tennis for example, balls about the size of your fist (which I guess is pretty big, as balls go) that are green and fuzzy with lilte stripes on them. Try explaining that to someone who's never seen tennis balls before. No really, try it. Good times.

UVM tennis stallion Brendan Matthews says that he likes his balls the best because they're so fuzzy, or hairy, if you will. His teammates agree that Matthews' balls are in fact, the furriest of the

furry.

Soccer is one sport where fuzzy balls are not appreciated. UVM freshman soccer stud Cameron Lawler insists that his balls have to be smooth and perfectly round, without a hint of fur. "If I'm playing soccer, I really don't want to be playing with a hairy ball."

Basketballs, with their orange-ish brown color and varying stages of bumpiness are, to my knowledge, the largest balls of all. One UVM basketballer, Geri Springer told this reporter that she actually LOVES how her balls feel.

"When I'm running down the court, bouncing that ball up and down, its like we have a real connection, I turn it over and over in my hand and I feel like I could do it forever."

Springer has been playing basketball all her life and says that

while she has tried out other balls, she's positive that her's feel the very coolest.

The texture of a golf ball is also quite nice. Golfer's like little-known Tiger Woods, Sam Sneed and Hillary Clinton all agree that golf balls feel the coolest because you can fit more than one in your hand. Clinton stated that "a ball in the hand is worth three in the bush."

Surprisingly enough, people who play sports without balls are adamant that balls really don't make the game. Benjamin Guest, UVM kayaker commented that "when I'm in the water, balls would just get in the way, that's why I'm so glad I don't have them."

So the consensus seems to be that everyone thinks his/her own balls feel the best, and you won't convince them otherwise.

Coming next week.....

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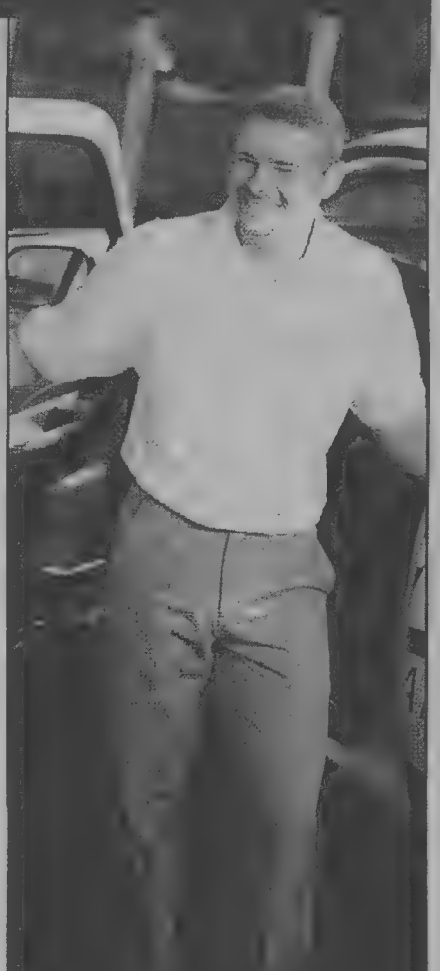
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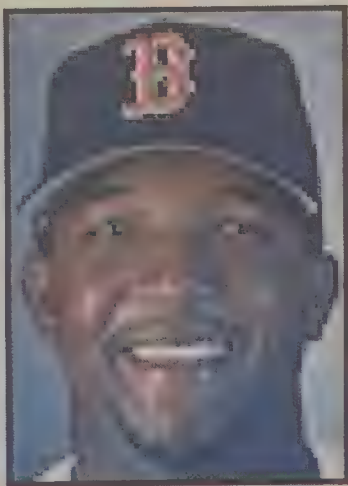


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Men's Baseball Team Announces Acquisition of Four Major Playas

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Editor

The University of Vermont's Men's Baseball team has just signed Ken Griffey, Jr., Pedro Martinez, Alex Rodriguez and eight-year old Dominican phenom Omar Granados to red-shirt for this season and start playing in games for 2003.

The four amazing athletes were acquired in a joint effort with the UVM Affirmative Action offices to increase the cultural diversity of UVM's athletic program.

While the four players have expressed much interest in playing for the Catamounts next year, all four have made mention of the weather in Vermont and how it might "cramp" their "style", in the parlance of our times.

Griffey, who is giving up a cool \$12.5 million to come play for the Cats, was perhaps the most accepting of the weather situation. "I grew up in Pennsylvania," Griffey told reporters at the press conference announcing his decision to join the icy Catamounts roster, "so I know what cold weather is like. I used to have to

walk barefoot to and from school barefoot when I was younger, in 6 feet of snow....barefoot."

While the questionability of the statement did not escape this reporter, it was evident that Griffey was a tad "cracked-out" so to say, at the time of the interview and therefore could not be held accountable for any of his statements.

Martinez, former ace hurler for the oh-so-pathetic Boston Red Sox apparently signed with the Catamounts for all-together different reasons. Martinez made \$13.5 million last year and prefers to be called "Mr. Bigglesworth" by those close enough to him to care, has stated that he is coming to Vermont "in order to get away from the extremely cold winters in Boston."

When someone explained to Mr. B that Burlington is, in fact, north of Boston, Pedro answered, "Burlington?! I thought the contract said Birmingham, screw this

Men's Baseball

[expletive deleted], I'll bean your [expletive deleted]. Peace. I'm out."

Vermont's newly procured baseball coach, Joe Torre, was shocked when told of Martinez' statements. "If that little [expletive deleted] thinks he can sign a contract with me then re-neg like a little [expletive deleted], he's got another [expletive deleted] thing coming. What a [expletive deleted]

Junior, Pedro, ARod and little Omar all insist that they had nothing to do with the controversial "election" of G.W. Bush.

ed] punk-[expletive deleted] [expletive deleted]." Needless to say, Torre was not amused.

Only time will tell if Mr. B will make good on his word, and bean Joe Torre in the [expletive deleted].

The story of the acquisition of Alex Rodriguez is quite different from what one might expect. He is actually more interested in the Natural Resources program at UVM than playing baseball.

He is also hoping to use some of the \$21,000,000 he made last

year to make UVM President Dr. Daniel Mark Fogel's dream of building an 80,000-seat arena for the Catamount athletic program come true.

Fogel isn't sure that \$21,000,000 will be enough though, since he wants to make sure there is also enough room for a Macy's, McDonald's, Burger King, JC Penney, Marshall's, Sears, LSU gift shop, Hannaford's, Chilli's, Applebee's (for the hometown feel), and a Piggly Wiggly (to remind him of home). Fogel stated that this project with Rodriguez will be underway as soon as his third home is built.

Perhaps the most interesting story is that of eight-year old Granados who lived in the Dominican Republic all his life and only recently moved to Burlington when his parents were both offered hundreds of dollars to transfer to UVM to work on the housekeeping staff.

Judith Ramaley, who became head of housekeeping in 2002 after she "stepped down" as President of UVM, has told reporters that "news of the excellent work ethic of the Granados' had traveled far and wide," so she

snapped them right up and offered them \$7,890/year to come work for her.

The huge increase in salary for the couple has made them "very happy" say friends.

The fact that the Granados' couple had given birth to one of the most gifted baseball players of all time was news to the UVM community.

Granados was hitting .900 on his under-12 team when he was six-years old and also pitched 421 no-hitters over a six-year span from age 2 to age 8, when he moved to Vermont with his parents.

He will be studying early childhood education with a minor in Spanish, but will not be required to attend class or take any tests.

All-in-all, next year looks to be very productive for the Catamounts, who's best season was their inaugural one in 1888, when the team went 11-1 under head coach A. L. Kennedy.

So be on the lookout for big performances from the four (three?) new members of Vermont Baseball and cross your fingers for yet another winning season for a Vermont athletic team.



Holy Crap!!! Men's Hockey Wins a Game!!!!!!!!!!!!

By BUCK MELANOMA
Moley Russel's Wart

The Vermont Men's Hockey Team, who went 1-78 this year, has finally made it to the NCAA Frozen Four after 113 years of hard work.

In related hockey news, UVM President Daniel Fogel has announced that he has given Men's Track the heave-ho again in order to "make ends meet" for the hockey team.

"Making ends meet" includes new uniforms, all new equipment, cheerleaders, an 80,000 seat ice-rink, and University-sponsored keg-parties with open bars and an area designated solely for the elephant-

walk.

When commenting on the success and budget increase for his squad of skating sweethearts, UVM Hockey Coach Mike Gilligan stated, "No comment. But I will say that my boys have worked long and hard for this and have been willing to do ANYTHING for ANYONE and with ANYONE in order to make this dream come true."

The team's one win of the season came last Saturday when the Cats traveled to Miami University of Delaware (MUD) to take on the Groundhogs and won by default because the G Hogs didn't even show up.

Fortunately, the Cats had gotten byes to get to the quarter-final

game against MUD.

They will now take on the Swedish National team in a semi-final game to be played at the Gutterson Field House on Wednesday April 2nd. The team is also sponsoring "wear white" day, in another effort to alienate people of color on the UVM campus.

In more related news, the women's hockey team also won a game thanks to the ingenuity of coach Mennis Diller, who's name has been changed to protect the innocent.

Diller, a 1910 UVM graduate, paid the officials in the game to call back all of the opposing team's goals because someone's "toe was in the crease."

(Left)An example of an "elephant walk", only found in nature.

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The Light of My Life

Were you enticed and therefore fooled by the mock change of seasons presented by the wily Vermont climate two weeks ago?

Never fear—we all were.

And misery loves company.

But Sunday marked the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, and extra daylight can never front—it's gotta be genuine.

Yes, the snow and the frigidity can be deceptive.

You may think that the extended period of lucidity is but a result of your end-of-year exhaustion tricking you.

However, this is not the case.

Later hours of glorious sunshine are no joke.

They are the real deal.

Soon come the end of the cold for sure.

That day will arrive, friends.

Slowly but surely.

Until then, though, please hang in there.

We realize that it seems as if the year's finish is oh-so-far as a result of this nuclear winter dilly our spring's been laying down on us.

Yet, we can assuredly say, people, do not fall for such tomfoolery.

Our promise to you is that the year is honestly almost done.

The school days dwindle.

Time marches on.

The sky lights up longer, later.

But tasks and duties a la mandatory academia are numbered.

What a beautiful truism.

Granted, one is made to feel almost awash in a guilt uttering such exclamatory

statements pronouncing the imminent cessation of this year's schooling.

But lies are not those rolling off your tongue!

You are not spouting mistruths!

Your temporal sensation is right on even if Vermont's is not!

We do solemnly vow that you will not encounter the fate of yon Bill Murray in Groundhog's Day gone snowy.

No time warp has been cruelly bestowed upon your head.

You really will be home free soon, soon.

Sooner than you think.

Those of you who are graduating are never going to have to live it up blizzard-in-April-style again, if you do not wish to.

Fancy that!

As for the rest of us, we will be experiencing far more warmth than we now are in a few short weeks.

Fo' shizzle.

In the meantime, grind your teeth if you will, but finish your work.

Do not become dismayed with spring's way slow approach.

Do not fall victim to your frosty li'l toes, confused in the face of this freakish, delayed season of rebirth.

Students and teachers and friends among friends alike—the going may now seem rough, but soon enough, the pace will slow down as it always does with the sweet ease of summer.

A summer that is now but a twinkle in your eye, true, but a summer that will materialize just as you once did from the mere glint sparkling in your parents' eyes.

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-To the SGA for doing the green and gold trade-off to show the town that UVM makes a difference. That will hopefully get the campus-at-large involved in something that can send a message.

-To the members of student groups at the leadership conference on Saturday that didn't have to be there, including members of SGA organizations, SGA senators and Greek Life members. You were few in numbers, but thanks for getting up at 8am with the rest of us.

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-To the university for holding the presidential inauguration in the middle of a Friday afternoon and not canceling classes. That made it tough on professors and even tougher for students, as finals near, to skip class.

-To the lack of student leaders, other than the ones forced to attend, the student leadership conference on Saturday, including SGA members and Greek Life members. You speak about leadership, but your lack of attendance spoke volumes.

Democracy-Key to U.S. Place in the Sun

To the Editor:

We were opposed to the war for one simple reason: It's not what the UN, the only democratic institution that exists at the international level, voted (or would have voted) to do.

Now I ask you, the reader: If you really believe in democracy, can you honestly deny the votes of a majority of nations, a majority of people around the world, by doing what we are doing in Iraq? Realize that we are not even considering the rightness of this action.

Almost all of us believe something our government does is wrong, but ask yourself: Is it right to forcefully subvert that policy? Most of you are answering no, because you believe that our democracy is more precious than any one government policy. I hope that someday you will feel the same way about our nascent

international democracy: the UN.

Some of you are dubious that international democracy is feasible. In response, I would urge you to see how democracy within a nation was viewed around 1776. It was viewed with equal skepticism, but it has endured.

Democracy is a habit. It is one not easy to acquire, but not easy to break, either, as the last 200 years of western democracy have proven. Consider: One day when our own hegemony fades, our voice could still be heard as a nation among equals.

And even when our nation has disappeared altogether, The United States might be remembered and revered as the last hegemon: the king who gave up his throne so that whole world could be free.

Peter Barendse, Class of 2004

Mary Cox, Class of 2003

Mixed Media-Necessary, Not Negligible

To the Editor:

I feel the view on campus is one sided. I respect the people protesting the war, but for a person who is trying to gain knowledge from all angles, it is very difficult. Therefore, it is hard to gain a sense of what is going on and form personal opinions.

I attended the panel discussion at the Ira Allen Chapel on March 5 and was saddened to notice that only one out of six panelists supported the war. I thought this was unfair to students trying to gain information from both sides. If the school wanted a discussion about the truth behind the war, then it needed equal representation from both sides.

Once you gain a sense of the views from both sides, it is important to get a

feel of where you stand. With the information you gain, if you feel the war is wrong, then protest what your government is doing.

Do not protest for the sake of being rebellious, but protest because you have strong views and convictions on the war. If you are for the war, but do not agree with the government on how to approach it, then let your voice be heard.

The US government is a democracy, and a democracy is for the people and the people's voice must be heard. Love your country for the freedoms it gives you; protest its actions, but love it for the freedom to do so

Ed Kuhn

Class of 2006

Dick Cheney Is Evil

To the Editor:

There are few absolute moral certainties. Whenever something is labeled in such simple terms as "good" and "evil," any intelligent critic must question the legitimacy of the title. Also, morals and values are subject to the times, but from the viewpoint of a level-minded American in the year 2003, the statement "Apartheid was evil" is as close to a moral truth as one will find.

Apartheid, the system of unequal racial segregation that lasted for over 40 years in South Africa, was evil. In 1980, there were 19 million blacks and 4.5 million whites in S. Africa. Whites owned 87% of the land; on average, whites made 14 times more money than blacks; there was one doctor for every 400 whites and one doctor for every 44,000 blacks. The infant mortality rate for whites was 2.7%; for blacks, it was 20% in the urban population and 40% in rural populations. The annual expenditure on white students was \$695; \$45 for black students.

Actually, the statement, "Apartheid is evil," said in 1980, also seems to be an absolute. In fact, one must question anyone who supported the government which put Apartheid in place and maintained it. In fact, in this land, home to the free and the brave, anyone who openly supported such an evil institution should be tarred and feathered and exiled to France. Yet instead of doing that, we made him Vice-President.

Yes, unfortunately—sadly, despicably—while others in our government tried

to put pressure on the S. African government to end Apartheid and free Nelson Mandela from prison, Cheney did not budge. At least 10 times between 1983 and 1988—while Cheney was a Republican congressman from Wyoming—he voted against any steps to oppose Apartheid. In 1985, he voted against a House resolution urging the release of Nelson Mandela.

Now in Cheney's defense, it must be pointed out the reason why he supported the South African government—the United State's economic ties. Well, I guess that's not much of a defense. The relatively small economic advantages that came with America's relations with a small country excuse the support to a brutal, racist regime?

Apartheid is evil. Dick Cheney was in a position of power to oppose Apartheid, but he did not. He worked and voted to strengthen the ties between the United States and the regime in S. Africa. Does that then make Dick Cheney evil? An evil by association? In everything I've been taught and experienced, the answer is yes.

Dick Cheney is evil. Not evil in the Devil incarnate or Saddam Hussein's son way—but far too evil to represent America. Far too evil to be given the type of power and responsibility that comes with his role as the Vice-President. Well, it's too late to change things now. Just please keep this in mind when voting in 2004.

Jeffrey Hastings
Class of 2004

The Third Path

Winston Churchill once said, "If you're young and not a socialist, you have no heart, and if you're old and not a conservative, you have no head." And it is with a resounding resemblance that these words appear to be an accurate representation of what we have today. Indeed, whether we are young or old, socialist or conservative—or any combination thereof—this war has the effect of drawing us all apart.

On the one hand, we have the obstinate, white-male patriarchy calling the shots on Capital Hill, whereas on the other hand, the more liberal and activist assemblage pushes for amity. Surely, there is no overt problem with choosing sides; the problem comes with how the side is chosen—because in a time when one hand washes the other, one side (or both) is apt to be left behind. Such is the current situation.

Very few people disagree that Saddam Hussein is a dictator and a tyrant; however, attacking Iraq serves only to destroy their infrastructure, to raze their cities and to bring contempt against ourselves—both from Iraq and from countries around the world. Thus, while the idea of worldly harmony or Kant's notion of perpetual peace is enticing and alluring, it is not likely to be achieved through war. For violence often begets violence.

The current situation has escalated to the point where many Iraqis are fighting not for their despot, Hussein, but to retain their own identity, to uphold their nationalism. Yet, those in power within Washington, the administration that insists on the continuation and persistence of war, ignore the fact that innocent lives are being lost. They choose to disregard foreign policy, to undermine the United Nations, to overlook the disdain we are creating with Muslim countries and, indeed, Muslim people around the world.

It could very well be the case that any "victory" the United States declares will be a Pyrrhic one. People with the control and authority—namely the administration fixed on war—are also influenced by and for the interests of capitalism. Those on a dais are often also biased. Consequently, the U.S. frequently imposes itself on other countries for its own benefit in order to make a profit-disgusting. In 1972, for example, 10 years after the independence of Jamaica, Michael Manley was elected (with an overwhelming majority) and sought a "third path" in an effort to lift the country out of its political turmoil and social unrest.

Essentially, his plan was a compromise between the Americanized development/tourism ties of Puerto Rico, and the communist ways of Cuba. Though he initially received shared praise throughout Jamaica, the corporate and industrialized America

destabilized him as a leader by refusing the levies and tariffs he created—and as a result, sent Jamaica into an economic crisis spiral where it is now plagued by the recent influx of violence and drug trade.

Commercialization and corporate capitalist influence is everywhere. To be sure, one need only look at the media coverage, where, for example, CNN is owned by AOL/Time-Warner, and moreover, where all major broadcasting stations depict war—or any coverage, for that matter—with the intention of obtaining the highest ratings. In this way, people's conception of war resides in what they see on television, which is a fictive portrayal at best.

Unfortunately, from this it follows that television works in an effort to make the most money and, in doing so, tempts viewers with material things, reinforces already all too prevalent stereotypes, and offers sensationalized, sometimes inaccurate, media coverage. We become sutured into our fast-paced life so that everything revolves around capitalist economy—whether we like it or not. In this sense, we are not too far off of Ani DiFranco's song, "Superhero," when she says, "Art may imitate life, / but life imitates TV."

This is not to say that we are stuck behind an impenetrable wall dictating society or that we are not in control of our lives; it does not mean that people should suspend their opinions or stop protesting against the present circumstances. On the contrary, they should maintain a hopeful outlook and, in the words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Undeniably, 'Now' is one of the most crucial times to act. We are already beginning to witness censorship (such as Barbara Bush's canceling of the poetry reading at the Whitehouse fearing it would gather 'anti-war sentiments') and racial profiling (of both citizens and non-citizens alike, in regard to and in the wake of Sept. 11).

Despite these prejudices, America's Caucasian population recedes such that it will soon be eclipsed and become a minority. Accordingly, how can there be a multiplicity and multiple perspectives when we are governed unilaterally? How will a miscegenated culture be adequately represented if the vast majority of our representation is comprised of people unlike us? And in this sense, as the United States continues to become more heterogeneous, how much of what we fight against, of who we fight against—both abroad and in our own country—will really be just a mirror image of ourselves?

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As this school year comes to a close, living plans for next year are on the forefront of many a sophomore's mind. Whenever I hear people talking about plans for residency, I am intensely relieved that I managed to find a great house with a great group of girls early on. (Actually, my thoughts are more likely to be of the "There but for the grace of God go I" variety, as it certainly was not my get-up-and-go spirit, early bird gets the worm attitude and enthusiastic initiative that got things in motion.)

Now, some people choose to remain on campus. Reasons range from money to convenience to general unwillingness to deal with the hassle. I can certainly relate. (Like I said, hard work and drive are not exactly my fortes.) I have also heard the panicky statement, "I think I'll just go abroad for the whole year so I don't have to worry about this" come out of more than one mouth.

But overall, UVM students do not want to live on campus any longer than they have to. Close quarters, gross food, lack of privacy, communal bathrooms and bad shower pressure, that funny smell in the hall accompanied by that funny stink.

Actually, I guess one of the moments that really made me realize that "I am ready to leave this hellish pit of squalor and despair" was walking down the back stairs of my dorm one night, and then slipping on vomit at the bottom. Now, I have nothing but sympathy for the puker (though a cleanup job might have been a cool move)—it was the kid I passed on the stairs when I was going down that really got on my nerves. He was going up, I was going down, and while he gave me a super-polite up-and-down once-over, he neglected to advise me to watch out for the hurl a half-flight below him. Hence the necessitated change of pants and funny aroma that trailed behind me that Friday.

Anyway, here at UVM, there are other factors that influence more than one sophomore to remark something to the effect of, "Dear God, I don't know if I can make it these last few weeks; grant me deliverance!" I hardly think I need to mention those late-night prowlers—I mean, police-wandering the halls at all hours. Then there's the low tolerance policy for behavioral infractions, leading to a multitude of students facing disciplinary probation for their tenure here at UVM. These students often develop a view of the residence halls as life under the watchful eye of Big Brother. No wonder—authority figures are everywhere, vigilant, attentive and on the lookout for that next (often trivial) infraction that will lead to suspension or expulsion. "You step out of line, the man come to take you away..." Literally.

Meanwhile, the UVM bureaucracy encourages students to remain on campus for the duration of their time at UVM. Nowhere is this (somewhat) tacit attitude more apparent than in the

many new town policies that discriminate against college students. There is a newer, stricter policy on noise violations and parties. In certain zoned areas (i.e., college neighborhoods), new restrictions require that residents share a joint bank account from which they withdraw money for household expenses such as rent and food. These things are not huge deterrents, but the red tape is a little ridiculous.

Yes, one could make the argument that to a responsible, rule-abiding student, campus living is nearly complaint-free (except for those rowdy miscreants next door playing music, laughing and clearly neglecting homework every Saturday night) and noise violations off-campus are undreamable. I agree there are some people who are out of control and the discipline, punitive measures and restrictions they face are for their own good. These students would be a problem anywhere, however, and would most likely be weeded out in discipli-

nary systems far more relaxed than at UVM. I do not think people should receive special treatment for behaving inappropriately, nor that those who can boast impeccable conduct and an impeccable record should be penalized.

But come on. Getting caught for a minor infraction here is common. There are a lot of good kids out there who really are just the always-getting-caught types. Good-natured, guileless and lacking in some of that common sense that can be acquired with age and experience, perhaps, but this slight foolishness is kind of endearing, no? Give these students a couple small fines, some community service, but don't deny them the education that could serve as the means by which these students move from immature partyers to well-rounded, informed adults.

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Party On, Lame

This weekend brought up a very difficult question for me, one that I haven't had to deal with before.

If it's possible for me to have a bad time at a "dress to get laid" theme party, am I reaching the end of my house party career?

I was at such a scene last Saturday, and realized that for the first time in my life, I don't really enjoy myself at parties that much anymore.

There I was, surrounded by hot, hot ladies (granted they weren't all, or even mostly, dressed to get laid, but it's the thought that counts) on all sides, and all I could think about was going outside for a breath of fresh air.

I couldn't take all the noise and pushing, the claustrophobia of a crowded party hitting me like no time before.

In all honesty, the idea of sitting around with some good friends having a pertinent conversation about stuff I actually care about seemed a whole lot more pleasant.

I don't want to lie and say that I had no fun at all, for that certainly was not the case.

There was a Madonna, 50 Cent and even G'N'R blasting from the stereo, and I was dressed to get laid at the drop of a hat.

I met some interesting people, also quite ready to get laid, and my dad even came and partied with us (an incredibly surreal experience in itself).

Our gracious (and very layable) host did the best to ensure that one could have a good time (thanks, Lindsay), and altogether, as far as parties go, it was a success.

Nevertheless, one of silly guys not dressed particularly sexily, or comfortably, was just too much to handle. I heard shouts of, "let's go to Lamda," and I wished I were a more violent person.

What had promised to be a wacky party/possible orgy had turned into just another grazing field for guys who wanted to take a girl home more so that they could talk to their friends about her in the locker room than because they were actually interested.

The gig had started out wacky and fun, but had been reduced through a barrage of negative karma into a mere mob, some of us dressed a little funnier than others.

I had wanted a good, sexy party, not a bunch of guys with

CK underwear and Abercrombie hats looking to get real drunk and act stupid.

When you have an apartment fit for 15 to chill comfortably, and you pack in a hundred kids, the count mostly dominated by horny guys, I cannot figure out how to have a conversation.

Everybody is pushing you at all sides, their eyes fixated on the beer keg just out of reach, yelling at one another.

Man was not meant to live like this.

I always assume I'm going to go out on Saturday and wake up on Sunday still glowing from the life-affirming excess of weekend college life.

Unfortunately, I woke up feeling as if an era had come to an end.

The only sensation I can really liken it to is that of being cattle.

Everyone being pushed around from one direction to the next, corralled to the bathroom, or the keg, or the couch, or out the door or

just into the wall so someone else can make their way to one of those aforementioned destinations.

The only difference being that in a cattle farm, there are ranchers to tell the cows where to go.

Our parties don't have those forces looking out for us, so we just run around in circles bumping into each other, exercising our communal ability to resist claustrophobia.

There are only two kinds of conversations you can really have at these parties—either one with your friends whom you know enough about already that it doesn't matter if you miss half the things they say in the gen-

eral chatter, or one with someone you don't know, regarding how crowded it is, the temperature, names and maybe, if you're lucky, a bit of actual conversation.

But none of them ever last more than 30 seconds.

The crowd is just too strong. There was a time in my life when this was my absolute dream.

Beer, many people to meet and no class in the morning.

But these days, I have been finding myself glad when the weekend's over so I can leave the monotony of partying to get back to the day-to-day stuff that has seemed more and more appealing recently.

I am the type of person who requires control over his life to be happy.

I need to know that the things which happen to me every day are under my control, and can be changed if I start to have different interests.

Huge house parties are the antithesis of that.

Once somebody walks in the door, they give up their rights to sovereignty.

You become a cog in the machine.

Your opinions don't count, and even if they did, it would be next to impossible to express them.

Just shut up and get drunk.

Just shut up and get drunk.

If you get bored, go find some girl that's been shutting up and getting drunk.

Maybe my personal bubble has increased.

In high school, going to a party with so many people that one couldn't turn around without insulting someone was novel and exciting.

When that happened, we would talk about it for weeks.

Now the option is available to me every weekend, and I think I may just stay in next Friday.

Maybe it's because when I was in high school, or even for most of my freshman year, I felt comfortable in the position of "anonymous partygoer."

Rather than risk being an individual (the one and only true mortal sin of high school), I liked just being amongst the crowd.

Nowadays, however, I'd rather be thinking.

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School No Guarantee for Knowledge

So have you heard we are at war?

I sure the hell haven't learned anything about it from my grand old college education.

After arriving back to school from break and having our country at war, I couldn't stand the idea of having to sit in classes while our country was dropping bombs onto Iraq.

To make matters worse, I haven't had a damn discussion within one of my classes.

For goodness sakes—we are killing innocent people and using these weapons of mass destruction and everybody just seems to sit silently in their seats while teachers conduct classes as if nothing is wrong.

Now don't get me wrong—you can walk around campus and see discussion and activism about the war, but it certainly isn't being facilitated from within any of my classes.

Just think back to when you were small children in high school.

Teachers and faculty tried to tell you that grades were your life.

Receiving good grades was always the main emphasis.

This was a constant lie always fed into your head.

Why was it so important to get into a good school?

"College will prepare you for the real world," said your guidance counselor.

To the contrary, I have experienced quite the opposite.

How am I being prepared for the real world when we are choosing to ignore it in all my classes?

It is as if I have entered an even more sheltered world than in high school.

It is as if I am in a college bubble; my professors expect that their classes are my life, but real world issues affect me, they affect

everyone.

How are we as college students expected to effect change in this world when our minds are not being provoked to think in such a creative way?

I don't want to ignore life—I love live, we all live for life.

Everything currently going on is relevant; world issues affect all of us.

I don't care if you are studying English, Environmental Studies or Medicine—these issues are not particularized.

They affect everyone and should be discussed.

I feel that to ignore this war, to pretend like everything is fine, to pretend like the world is a perfect place—is the biggest lie of all.

This is the college education I am paying all this money for?

So I am just asking all the professors out there to open discussions.

Ask your students how they feel, tell them how you feel.

Reach out to your students—teach them relevant issues and incorporate these issues into what you are teaching in class.

If you can't do this, then you aren't really preparing your students for their future.

Everyone is going to feel the repercussions of this war.

It affects us all, so why not learn about it and be prepared for the realities of life instead of just ignoring them?

I have never known anything to just go away if you ignore it; in fact, things just get worse.

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Spring in Vermont? A Commentary on the Changes of the Seasons

By **ROB WALKER**
Cynic News Editor

It happened two weeks ago.

I was headed down Main St. towards campus, and as I crossed an intersection, I heard a new squawk from the pedestrian traffic signals that are so friendly to the blind.

The noise was loud, repetitive, and sustained.

For several minutes after crossing, I continued to hear the same noise bled into the warming March air and I thought, "What the hell do they keep changing the noise for?"

In the course of my residency here, I had born witness to at least three distinct noises from these traffic signals and a fourth seemed a bit unnecessary.

I wondered if it were possible that the signal possessed an ear of its own and was coming up with these new sounds all by itself.

Is it possible that the primitive device was itself musically inspired and had the ability to discern one beep from another toot, and not only that, but that it was perhaps able to devise entire

melodies of crosswalk music entirely for the blind?

I took the fanciful idea a step further and imagined whole symphonies of pedestrian rapture echoing across campus.

Soon, though, I actually drew on some empirical evidence and looked at the device itself, on which a seagull had perched itself. "Click."

That was the sound of my brain engaging and realizing that it was, in fact the seagull making noise.

I had not noticed their departure in the Fall, but I had certainly acknowledged their return.

And even though they are now out of place in the snow, I find them a most graceful specimen.

Looking up that morning I observed scores of the birds drifting from building to building, much like the students themselves, aimlessly wandering where the wind currents shuffled them.

Spring had emerged from her slumber and driven the birds North; for a while, the whole campus teemed with exuberant activi-

ty.

As my friend Liam O'Reilly put it, "This is what I pictured college to be: people, just out, doing sh*t." And it was so, people were out, doing s***.

I saw rusty lacrosse players dropping balls, and an errant frisbee strike me in the face.

There were hippies in circles and couples kissing under trees.

All these things under the cool—not cold—blue sky that was streaming with circling gulls.

What were great were the recent snowstorms.

I don't know how the birds feel about the recent weather change, but I'm happy.

I'm not done hibernating, which is, after all, what this is about.

The seagulls brought me to the conclusion that part of this school is the winter.

And the campus hibernation is beautiful.

It is not so common that one is allowed to follow one's biological clock, as do the animals, and sleep for 4 months every year, metaphorically speaking.

The bears are not-out, 'doing

sh*t' during December or February.

They are happy in their dens smoking pot, the bears I mean.

I don't think you can tell me with a straight face that spring is not made more beautiful by the ridiculously-long winter.

Those five warm days were blessings, and meant to be enjoyed to their fullest while they lasted.

The winter days, all five-thousand of them every year, are harder to find the joy in, and perhaps that is why we are given so many.

Perhaps we are made to understand the joy in winter by going through so much of it.

And, by the way, the seagulls are still here, even in the snow.

'Asian Flu' Case Reported at UC Berkeley

A University of California at Berkeley student was back in school Thursday after sitting next to a man on a flight from Tokyo who thought he had contracted a deadly virus, according to UC-Berkeley officials.

The student was kept in the plane for two hours, along with the other passengers, after it landed at San Jose International Airport Tuesday, said UC-Berkeley spokesperson Marie Felde.

Airport officials feared that some passengers had contracted the severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS.

Several passengers on the American Airlines flight complained of symptoms similar to SARS, but none of them turned out to have the deadly virus.

Doctors from the Santa Clara County Department of Health were sent aboard the plane. Passengers were subject to a voluntary examination and were later released.

The Center for Disease Control advised the student to put herself into "temporary quarantine" until further notice, Felde said.

The student stayed home from school for one day until the Center for Disease Control later reported that none of the passengers were infected with SARS, Felde said.

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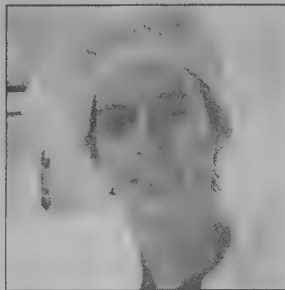
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Squeezed."
Lindsay, 2006



Protestors: Know Thy Rights

Hundreds of thousands of college students are engaging in various forms of protest on their campuses and elsewhere over the war in Iraq. Several issues have emerged with regard to the protests.

One issue has to do with the reasonable time, place and manner restrictions schools place on protesters. As I've written before, so called "free speech zones" are likely to be strictly construed by courts. In short, this means that the restrictions have to be narrowly tailored to accomplish the public school's goal of maintaining order and protecting the safety of students.

But the more pressing issue now is what can happen to students who are arrested off-campus conduct, such as trespassing, disturbing the peace, or some other relatively non-violent misdemeanor.

The other issue concerns conduct on campus, such as spontaneously protesting on campus, perhaps using a bullhorn, or using chalk to write anti-war slogans on school buildings.

Many of the anti-war protests occur off campus. Students, like non-students, may get arrested for trespassing, disturbing the peace, or a variety of other misdemeanors.

No doubt many college-age students have parents who were arrested for protesting the Vietnam War. They have referred to their arrests as a "rite of passage."

Before the Vietnam protests, students staged protests in areas of the country that still had so-called "Jim Crow" laws or practices.

Students may have found themselves in jail for merely escorting a person of color into a "white only" café, whether it was designated that way or not.

Not only were the students arrested, but sometimes their colleges suspended or expelled them for their off campus conduct.

In general, federal courts have held that students attending public universities have a property interest in their education and that interest may not be infringed without due process of law.

Naturally, attending a public university also prevents the state from taking punitive action against a student for his or her advocacy of ideas, unless the student calls for imminent violence

on campus.

Public universities are restrained to take punitive action against a student for conduct occurring off campus, especially if this conduct involves simple misdemeanors such as disturbing the peace. If anything, there has to be a connection between the crime and the university, such as trespassing, stalking, or otherwise harassing another student who lives off campus.

Violent offenses, such as rape, especially involving another student, may require a university to take action to protect the other student.

Of course, at private universities, the rules relating to student conduct both on and off campus are determined by the university's code of conduct.

Students have been disciplined for doing lawful things, such as living with a member of the opposite sex, or making a public admission that one is gay.

But, even at public universities, there are limits to what one can do in the name of free speech.

While the university may not punish speech, it may punish a student who uses a mode of expression that creates disorder.

For example, in a case from UC Berkeley, the campus most associated with the "free speech" movement, three students were expelled for participating in a series of protests in 1965. As a result of their conduct, police charged them with "disturbing the peace."

The students held protests on campus to protest the arrest of a non-student for participating in a campus protest.

The students did not comply with university rules for holding protests, and, in staging their protests, made loud speeches, lacking their speeches with the "F" word, which, in 1965, was still a shock.

As a result of their protests, it caused quite a bit of unrest on campus and university officials concluded that the protests were disturbing the operation of the campus.

The court, while upholding the notion that students have free speech rights, noted that the "right to protest" does not mean they can do it "whenever, however, and wherever they please."

The court found that reasonable regulations on freedom of

speech and assembly are recognized in relation to public agencies that have a valid interest in maintaining good order and proper decorum.

In a university context, the court noted, the function of a university is to impart learning. A university has the responsibility to control and regulate the conduct of students, especially when it tends to impede, obstruct or threaten the achievements of its goals.

The court noted that conduct involving rowdiness, rioting, the destruction of property, or any unjustifiable disturbance of the public order on campus is indefensible whether it is incident to an athletic event, the advent of spring, or devotion, however sincere to some cause or ideal.

Student leaders attending public universities contend that some rules, such as restricting chalking on campus, or engaging in free speech, are unduly restrictive and they can violate them because the rules violate the First Amendment.

The better approach is to have the ACLU or F.I.R.E. challenge the rules in court through a declaratory judgment procedure. Most often, however, I have found a letter from the ACLU, FIRE, or a law professor, can often persuade university counsel to suggest revisions to the policy.

Ironically, most college administrators today grew up in the 60s and 70s and are usually big defenders of the First Amendment. But no campus official wants classes disturbed; or students injured.

-Press Release

Supreme Court Decision On Affirmative Action case

Continued from front

She said while it may be hard to determine how O'Connor will vote, she thinks the Court will side with those seeking to end the University of Michigan's policy.

She believes "most universities are committed to diversity and there are other ways of ensuring it" besides affirmative action.

She added that schools have the option of creating systems similar to the one in Texas in which the top 10 percent of stu-

dents from individual high schools are guaranteed admissions into college.

Some former military officials say that affirmative action is necessary to ensure that all races are represented in military academies and it may also be vital for national security, they believe.

Dr. Holly Brasher, a political science professor at George Washington University, said it is hard to predict the outcome of the case.

-U-Wire Press Release

Writers, Poets, Essayists, Visionaries:

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear 'my best friend' Oprah,

It's been a long time since I last spoke to you. Too long. I remember it like it was yesterday:

There we were, sipping non-alcoholic martinis relaxing under the warmth of a neon light discussing the merits of the band known as 'INXS'. After we were done talking, and drinking, you accidentally touched my arm and I misread your gesture as a 'sign' and before I knew it we were locked in a fierce struggle that pitted my 125 lbs brick of a body against your 445 lbs frame. After we were done trying to kill each other, (I guess you were trying to kill me. Funny how hindsight is always 20/20!) we passed out in a rose bush nearby and called it a night.

When I woke up you were gone, and I required "serious medical attention" according to a professional doctor. My heart needed a little mending too.

Well I guess 2002 was a crazy year, especially with everything that happened between 'us'. I still haven't forgiven you, but I understand why you left me that day, lying naked in a particularly sharp rose bush far away from any bystanders/witnesses. I understand you needed your space and I

needed to "do something other than lie around the house 'doing nothing'".

Well I've moved on Oprah and I don't need you any more. I met someone else, and they're great and special. They've become very important to me.

I can't lie any more! I haven't found anyone! My lifestyle is exactly the same as it was before I met you! Please come back to me! I need you now, more than before!

Maybe you could come over tomorrow and we could just hang out. We could meet at the Dairy Queen down the street. I could buy you a banana split and we could talk about me. Or, I guess we could hang out by your pool and harass the servants.

I used to love harassing your servants with you! I'll never forget how you handicapped

that one maid who refused to clean up the 'mess' you made in your bathroom. I thought I'd never stop laughing!

You need to need this, Nicholas "Dirty Smirty" Green

Oprah Winfrey



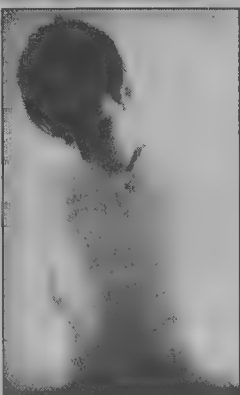
Next's Weeks Letter:
Bill Clinton

90.1 WRUV Presents: An Evening with Matt Sharp



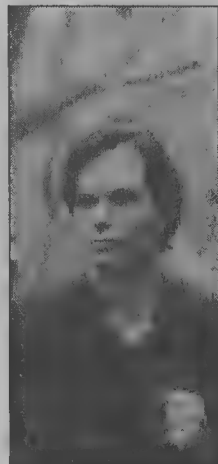
"Former Weezer bassist and Rentals frontman Matt Sharp will release his debut solo album in March. Sharp -- who sued Weezer over songwriting royalties in April -- is without a solo deal, but he's entertaining record company offers. The self-titled disc is a departure from Sharp's previous bands and comes nearly four years after Seven More Minutes, his second record fronting the Rentals, the band that began as his Weezer side-project and became a full-time gig after his departure from Weezer in 1998." - John D. Luerssen. Matt Sharp will be per-

forming Friday, April 11, 2003 @ Billings Student Center [North Lounge], UVM Doors at 8 p.m., Show at 9. Tickets are \$5 (students), and \$8 (community).



-Press Release

An Interview With The Stella Comedy Group



By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

When I heard the Stella comedy trio was coming to Vermont, I knew what I had to do. Instead of doing 'that', I decided to speak with Stella in an effort to better inform myself, and readers of the Vermont Cynic, about a variety of issues pertaining to politics, religion, and sketch comedy. David Wain (left), Michael Ian Black (center), and Michael Showalter (right), all former members/founders of MTV's The State.

How often do you read the Vermont Cynic?

Show: Pretty often...

MIB: I'd say on a weekly basis.

I'll go like two weeks-

Show: It's the newspaper I read when I'm taking a poo.

MIB: It's the newspaper I read when I'm taking one of his poos.

Devil's advocate: I don't think Jeanane Garofolo is funny; describe her selling points.

MIB: She's funny.

Wain: She is funny, she's the genius. She's the conservative spokesperson for our generation

Show: She's a White House mouthpiece.

If you could ask Vin Diesel one question, what would it be and why?

Show: Dude, how the hell are you doing today?

I'm doing fine, could you please answer the question.

Show: I'd ask him how many reps he does on his delts. Mike has been working on his delts.

MIB: My quads have gone to pot, but my delts are sweet.

Wain: I would ask him if he's bald downstairs too.

Hey! I'm an average guy, why should I go see Stella perform?

Show: Friendship and nudity.

Nudity? I'm an average guy and I like that.

MIB: If you're an average guy who likes strong homosexual undertones, you'll like it too.

Let's try some word association:

War?

Wain: War

Show: War

Bush?

MIB: Scary.

Wain: Hair.

Show: Hair.

Abortion?

Wain: Uh...uh...legal.



MTV?

Wain: Empty

Fired?

Wain: Backdraft.

You?

Wain: Ewe, e-we.

What does NASA stand

for?

Wain: Is that like, if you're a slave and you have a nasa?

Show: No.

It stands for Need Another Seven Astronauts. That's a joke about the shuttle.

Wain: Right, right.

That joke didn't go over as well as I thought it would have.

Wain: No, it didn't.

Michael Ian Black, You are best known for your work with Pets.com, true or false?

MIB: You didn't phrase that in the form of a true or false question.

Yeah I did.

MIB: 'Are you best known for your work with Pets.com', that's a yes or no question.

Actually it's a true or false question.

MIB: You have to rephrase it.

Show: You are best known for

your work with Pets.com, true or false?

MIB: False, I guess. I don't think most people know that.

I think they do.

Wain: Okay, so you have your own answer then?

MIB: (laughing in background)

Yes, true is the correct answer.

Show: You got it wrong, he got it wrong, I got it wrong.

MIB: I feel like you knew the answer before you asked the question.

No, I actually didn't. Which is better, youth or experience?

Wain: Experience, because you can date old women with ridges on their arms.

Ridges on their arms?

Wain: You're too young to understand.

You don't have to personally attack me. I'm only trying to conduct an interview.

MIB: I'll personally attack you. I'll shove gum down your pants. How's that? You don't even know what a true or false question is.

What can I expect at the show?

Show: A lot of flaccid wiener.

Do you have any questions for me?

Show: No. You're the interviewer. (aggressive tone)

Wow, okay-

MIB: We did not mean that as an attack.

You don't have to yell into the phone.

MIB: I think you did an excellent job.

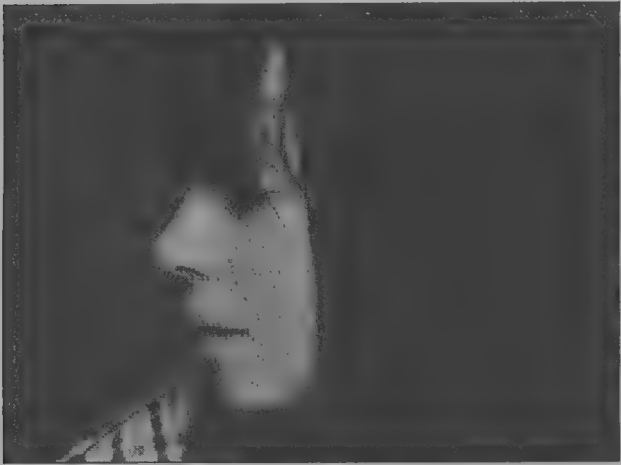
Show: We've been doing a lot of interviews for this tour, and I think we all agree that this has been our favorite.

Wain: Definitely.

So from what I could gather from my interview with Stella, Michael Ian Black believes George Bush is awful, Michael Showalter is a racist who hates astronauts, David Wain wants to light an ewe on fire, and all three of them want to punch babies in their faces. Needless to say they represent the 'new' avant garde in the world of sketch comedy; a brand of sketch comedy so offensive and underhanded as to leave its viewers in a state of 'shock and awe'.

Check out more Stella at
www.stellacomedy.com

Cat Power Comes to Higher Ground



where with her, trusting that it always leads to a familiar place that will never seem the same. Cat Power is a good cop, or at least she tries to be a good cop, but in

Cat Power's Chan (pronounced "Shawn") Marshall exists on a plane somewhat different than yours or mine, as anybody who has heard her sing knows. Her voice is unlike anyone you've heard before, combining raw intimacy with a gruff, chalky confidence, and while any attempt to interpret her lyrics comes up short, their plain-spoken lines belie an otherworldly perspective on primal human emotions. She's abstract, but always honest and true.

That awareness has caused a tidal wave of adulation for Chan from her giant fan base, one that has tripled with each new record released. They'll go any-

her Miami, one good cop is about as useful as one good paper towel in a hurricane. Cat Power is constantly bested by people tougher and meaner than she is, she's constantly lied to and betrayed, she's constantly faced with the futility of what she's doing, and yet she

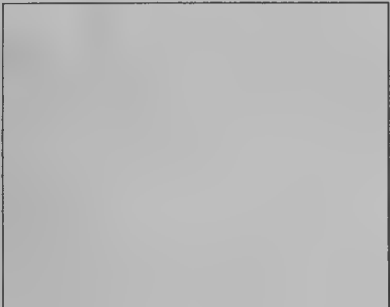
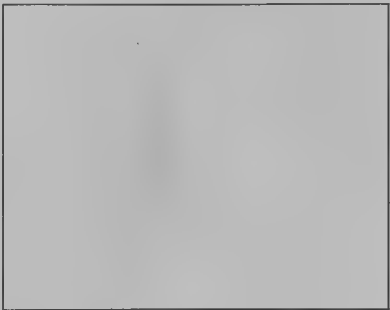
"An undoubted talent...her chocolatey, sublime vocals evoke betrayal, heartache, and renewal more poetically than clumsy words ever could." —Melody Maker

keeps moving doggedly forward, and among the greater hopelessness she does bring off some modest- and very satisfying-successes.

Cat Power will be performing Friday April 11th. Doors open at 8 pm. Tickets are \$12 advance and \$14 day of show.

-Press Release

TOASTED VEGETABLES
BY LILLIE KINGSTON AND ANDREW WOODS



Weekly Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 19

Did you get my letter Cinder-Kit? Don't lie Cinder-Kit, you didn't get it. It came back return to Cinder! Ha ha ha ha! That's a pun, or a play on words. Now cry Cinder-Kit, cry for yourselves... I'm sorry Cinder-Kit, but when you push, I push back.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20

I was going to call you last Friday, but I accidentally cheated on you instead. Ha ha, that's a joke! It wasn't an accident!

Gemini
May 21 - June 21

I want you to know I don't approve of your lifestyle or your ideas. I do however approve of your inability to get laid! You heard me.

Cancer
June 22 - July 22

You disgust me.

Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22

You will trip on a nail tomorrow and blame it on God.

Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I have nothing to say to you.

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I'll see what I can do about that 'dead body' problem we

talked about. Oh yeah, I'll just blame you for the 'dead body'.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Could you help me with my phys-ed. homework? You can't?! Oh yeah, you still have some self respect.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

It's going to be a hard week for you. You might just want to give up all together, and start that travelling circus you've always been talking about.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

I have to go now, but you'll have an awful week, okay?

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

He's not a picture so stop staring at him.

Pisces
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

You're last at everything, including love. Look at you.

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Club Highlight : UVM Rugby, Don't Miss A Great Opportunity!



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Commentary:
Matt Budelman

We're looking for any high school football players or athletes who would be interested

in joining a team which is as physically fulfilling as it is socially enjoyable. The UVM Rugby team, which was founded in the 70's after Vermont's football program was canceled, is an establishment designed around camaraderie and teamwork. The program has prided itself on constantly improving and expanding the team to its fullest potential. We have the reputation that our first year players stick with the

team because they are treated as teammates from day one. There is no tryout for the team and weekly social gatherings are always intriguing.

Our team competes in Division 2 of the New England Rugby Football Union, and plays teams such as Middlebury College, Johnson State College, St. Michaels College, Keene State College, Williams College, Bryant, and Holy Cross. We have maintained a winning record in our division for the past number of years, and hold our own spring tournament entitled the Green Mountain Rugby Classic. In the fall we have scheduled league matches on Saturdays from early September to late October. In the spring we have a more informal tournament style each weekend of April.

There are two games with each league match. One for the competitive A-Side, whose record gets recorded as league play. Then there is a B-Side match for the half of the team who get a workout, have a good time, or just learn the game. The end of most league matches are finished off with a barbeque for the visiting team, and social events that night.

As a third year player, I can

not imagine my college experience without the friendship and support of my fellow ruggers. Waking up dazed and confused in the back of a van, with the rest of my teammates only to win two games that morning, is one of many experiences I will never forget. Our team has never looked as strong as it does now, and we need underclassmen or any other contributors to help maintain this level of success in years to come.

We have a committed and accomplished coach, in Declan Connolly, and we hope to reach the New England Rugby Football Union playoffs for the first time next fall. We have a tournament on April 26th and 27th which features over 70 teams and is as good a learning experience as any. Several of our best players began playing rugby in the spring and by next fall were major contributors to the team.

Contact President Matt Budelman, or stop by the rugby field on the corner of East Ave. and Williston Rd. any Wednesday through Friday from 4-6 PM for the rest of the spring. Don't miss out on a great opportunity!

Want your **Club Highlighted**?

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Ask Dr. Schmynic

Dr. Schmynic is here to help you! Have a problem you can't figure out an answer to? Want to get prospective on something? Well, the Doctor is in.

Dear Dr. Schmynic,

I am having a serious crisis and I don't know how to deal with this problem. I know I'm over-analyzing it, but I really don't know what to do about picking a major! I'm beginning to panick. I have to sign up for classes next week, but I'm not sure what I want to focus on. I'm a freshmen in Arts & Sciences, and I need to decide soon. I have some ideas on what I want to study, but I have too many things I want to study to pick just one major! I really don't know where to begin in making this really important decision. I have a lot of varied interests and I don't know where I want to be right after college. Any ideas? I could really use some help. Thanks.

- panicked in patterson

Dear panicked in patterson,

Okay, first these are common feelings that many students have. try to focus on what you want to do today, and don't worry too much about the future. You never know what it may hold. Take time for yourself and don't forget to take care of yourself. I know how cliché this is but no one knows what is going to happen after this life, so live life to its fullest and stay in the present. Enjoy your education! College is an excellent time to explore what it is you really love. What is it that you could not live without today? Go back to when you were a child, what did you love to do? Get in touch with who you are. if you're concerned about the future, remember learning doesn't end with college. You can always take more classes after you have graduated, or stay in college or an extra semester or two, if you want to pursue multiple interests.

- Dr. Schmynic

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24. Sound reflection
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30. Hailing from Greece's capital
34. Tug
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36. Mineral
37. Medieval torture device
38. More sick
39. Again
40. Before
41. Open
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46. Groovy
47. Spoil
48. Frown
51. More lewd
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58. Gone
59. Lips
60. Water jars
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65. Genders

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Stations of the Cross, Friday April 11th at
5:30pm, followed by a Meager Meal at

6pm.

- Holy Thursday, April 17th, Liturgy of the
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to follow
- Good Friday, April 18th Liturgy of the
Passion, 3pm Passion Drama at 7pm

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Marsh Dining Hall

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Friday nights

STUDENT LIFE CALENDAR

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

Class of 2005 Bowling Night!

Yankee Lanes shuttles
leaving Patrick Gym
@ 8:30 every half our
until 10

Free To Be Drag Ball and Drag Show

9pm to 12am @ North
Lounge and Marsh
Lounge, Billings
Student Center

Open Mic Night

Rhythm & Brews
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Thursday April 10th
L/L FPL 8 - 10 PM

Concert: Cat's Meow

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APRIL IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

- FINDING OUR VOICE: A Conference
for survivors of sexual violence, Saturday,
April 26th, Vermont College, Montpelier,
9:30am-4:30pm. A \$10 fee includes lunch
and all costs; scholarships, transportation
and childcare are available. Contact VT
Network to register 802-223-2302, TTY
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- THURSDAYS IN BLACK Every
Thursday in April Wearing
black on Thursdays indicates that you are
tired of putting up with rape and violence
in your community.

GAYpril

This month UVM's LGBTQA Services
Office is hosting GAYpril, a month to cele-
brate and recognize the GLBTQA commu-
nity.

- DAY OF SILENCE

On April 9th, 2003, from 8am to 4pm,
The Day of Silence project is a nationwide
event on college campuses protesting the
silencing of the LGBT community. Rather
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cards explaining their reasons for not
speaking.

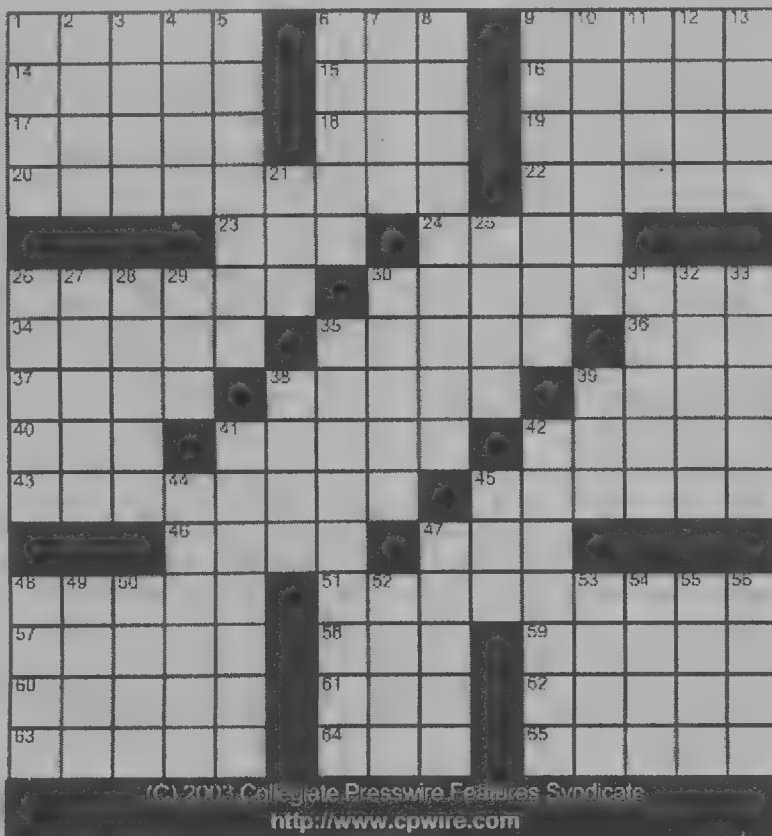
- Translating Identities Conference

Saturday April 12th 9-6 PM

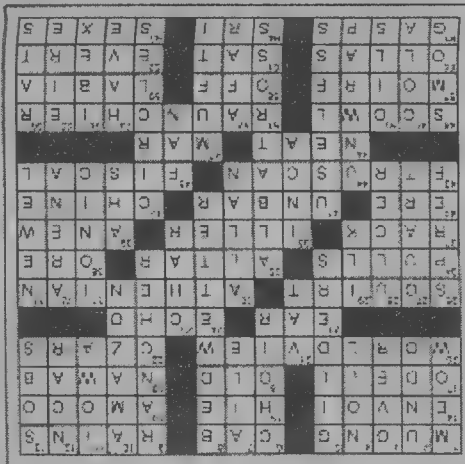
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Hosted by Free To Be The conference will
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35. Hindrance
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41. Hopeless
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Fogel Inaugurated President on Friday

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"Well, a lot has happened in the last nine months to move us toward the goals outlined in the vision statement," said Fogel.

"The University purchased the Trinity College campus. The faculty, after some twenty years of discussion, approved the creation of an Honors College, and the Board of Trustees sealed that approval just yesterday afternoon. We have set a campus master plan afoot, have completed a thorough-going reorganization of our division of Development and Alumni Relations, have created a division of state and federal relations aimed at enhancing the University's connections with the communities we serve in Vermont and beyond, and have rapidly advanced the process of creating a student union, the University of Vermont Student Commons, that will be a vital center of community at UVM and that will help to place UVM in the forefront among its peers in the quality of student life."

Fogel went on to address some of the other aspects of UVM, including faculty and students.

"Our wonderful faculty, having recorded over a hundred million dollars in external awards annually for the first time ever in the year that closed last June 30, have been regularly featured this year in *Fortune*, the *Economist*, the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Times of London*, the *Atlanta Constitution*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and on and on (the list is nearly endless).

"Student interest in UVM is surging, with applications up twenty-five percent in the last two years, and with quality indicators shooting up too—for instance, the 33 point jump in the SAT scores of Vermont applicants for admission next fall. Applications to the graduate school, too, are up a whopping forty percent this spring."

Fogel was optimistic about the goals his administration has set for the university.

"And so pride in the people of UVM is the keynote of everything I have to say to you today, and I will move on rapidly to close with an affirmation that possibility, the sense that we can in fact achieve the high goals we share for the University of Vermont, is becoming probability."

Even though the inauguration happened on Friday afternoon during classes, many students still showed up to Patrick Gym to watch the festivities.

"I thought the inauguration was phenomenal," said Marget Brue, the new student trustee.

"I was really excited to have been there to see beginning of what is going to be an amazing era for UVM."

Student Government President Jon Badaracco presented Fogel with a gift from the students, a part of the old Billings Student Center before it burned down.

"I feel that inauguration was a great event," said Badaracco.

"It was a milestone for the University as it inducted its 25th President and a moment of great pride."

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Student "Tribes" to Compete at UVM's 27th Latin Day

Latin Day in aula Universitas Viridis Montis may feature more kilts than togas this year.

Mores Gentium Mundi, or the Cultural Diversity of the Roman World, is the theme for the popular annual event that will bring Vermont middle and high school students to UVM on Friday, April 11, to learn, perform – and have fun.

"We're doing things a little differently this year," explained Mark Usher, assistant professor of Classics.

In past years, students have performed skits based on Greek and Roman mythology. This year, students will impersonate tribes from other regions – from the ancient Egyptians and Etruscans to the Parthians and Vandals – and depict their interactions with citizens of Rome.

"We'll definitely see Cleopatra and the queen of the Barbarians," predicted Usher, who is managing the event for the second year.

Expect also to see blue body paint and kilts, he said.

"The Gauls and the Celts wore kilts, and painted their bodies blue before going to battle."

The university's 27th Latin Day, held in Patrick Gym, will begin with opening ceremonies at 9:20 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. after awards are presented.

Skits will run from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Also planned are competitions in translating Greek and Latin texts and discussions of passages from Seneca, Caesar and Ovid.

Displays created by students to illuminate elements of the Roman Empire will be available for viewing all morning.

Participating schools this year include Bellows Free Academy, Brattleboro Union High School, Burlington High School, Champlain Valley Union High School, Essex High School, Hanover (N.H.) High School, Harwood Union High School, Milton High School, Mount Abraham Union High School, Mount Mansfield Union High School, Riverside Middle School and Whitcomb Junior/Senior High School.

For more information on Latin Day, call the Classics Department at 656-3210.

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Men's Tennis Improves to 4-0 Against America East Rivals by Sweeping Boston University

The University of Vermont men's tennis team improved to a perfect 4-0 against America East rivals by shutting out Boston University, 7-0, at the Twin Oaks Tennis Center on Friday night.

The Catamounts (12-10, 4-0) swept all nine matches en route to blanking the Terriers. Zeljko Knezevic (Tusla, Bosnia-Herz) set the tone at number one with a 6-2, 6-2 win over B.U.'s Geoff

Wagner.

In singles action, Matt Spring of Vermont won his singles match 6-4, 6-2, Tom Whittaker won his match 4-6, 6-0, 6-2, Griffin Maloney won his

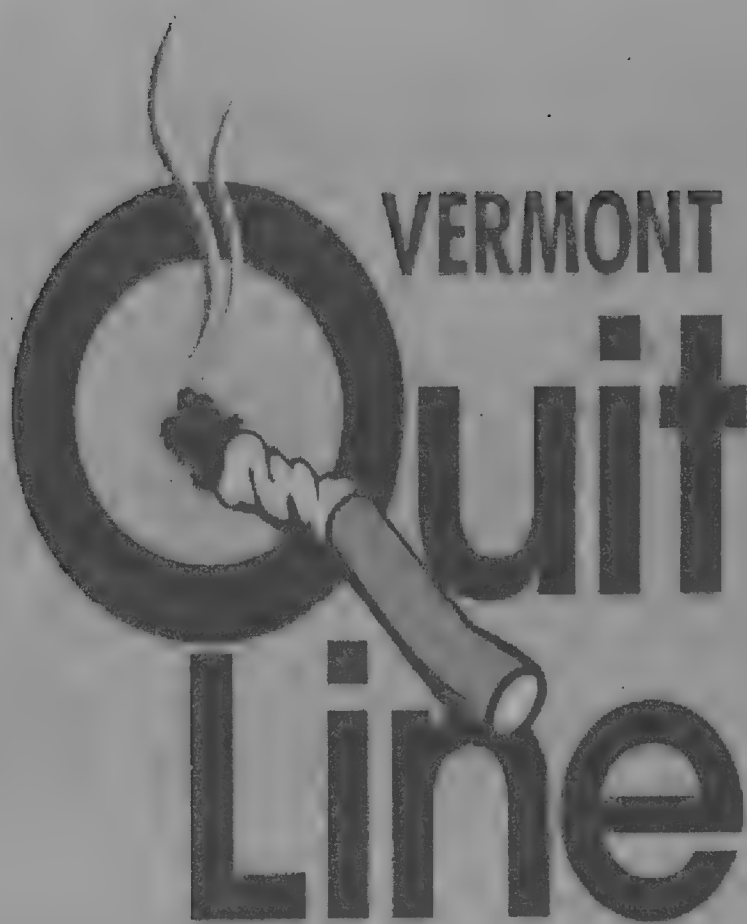
6-3, 7-5, Jon Cooper won his 7-5, 7-5, and Eric Conway finished up singles with a 6-4, 6-7, 10-5 win at the sixth seed.

In double action, Cooper and Knezevic won the first seed

match-up 8-4, Spring and Whittaker won 8-6 and Conway and Bernstein finished it up with an 8-6 to complete the sweep.

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Baseball Team Sweeps Brown, Weather Cancels Northeastern Games

Jeff Dixon, Kyle Brault and Barry Chamberland led Vermont to a double header sweep of Brown, 7-2 and 11-2, in collegiate baseball last Wednesday at Aldrich-Dexter Field.

Winners of four straight and five of their last six, the Catamounts again used strong pitching to improve to 9-4 on the season.

Dixon set the tone in the first game scattering seven hits, issuing one walk and allowing only one run in five strong innings to pick up his third win of the season in three decisions.

Three Vermont hurlers gave up five hits in the nightcap. On the day, the Catamount staff walked just two Bears in 13 innings as UVM's team ERA is just 2.82 in the first 13 games.

A four-run third inning gave Dixon a cushion in the opener as Vermont took advantage of three Brown errors. Freshman Kyle Brault's two-run double was the big hit in the frame.

Also in game one, Barry Chamberland (4-for-8 in twinbill) had three of the Catamounts eight hits including an RBI-double. Brett Dobens came on for Dixon for the last two innings and struck out four.

In game two, after the Bears' Jeff Nichols and Paul Christian hit back-to-back homers off Cats' starter Jared Slater to go ahead 2-1 in the second, Vermont got another big hit from Brault to plate two runs in the top of the third and never looked back.

Bobby Tewksbary led with a walk and moved to third on another double by Chamberland.

A groundout by Jason Carey tied it and then with two outs, Brault singled home Chamberland.

The Catamounts sent 12 hitters to the plate to score seven runs in the fifth. Freshman Jay Iannoni (3-for-4) had a single and a double in the inning to drive in three runs while Tewksbary knocked in two more with a double.

Jeff Barry also went 2-for-4 with an RBI in the nightcap that was shortened to six innings due to darkness. Slater (1-1) picked up his first win of the season with help from Brian Robinson (2 IP, 3 K's) and Chris Blazek.

The four-game series between Vermont and Northeastern scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Friedman Diamond has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The two schools will try to reschedule the series, the America East openers for both teams, at a later date or dates.

The lingering winter weather could also jeopardize the Catamounts home opener with Plattsburgh State scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at Centennial Field.

A decision about the game will be made on Monday.

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Catamount Sports



Coppenrath Named to All-American Team

Men's Basketball

Taylor Coppenrath (West Barnet, Vt.) of the University of Vermont has been named to the 2003 Associated Press NCAA Division I All-American Team.

The sophomore forward was a honorable mention selection to the squad which was announced Thursday night in New York.

Coppenrath is the second straight Catamount to be named an AP All-American and the school's third overall.

He joins teammate T.J. Sorrentine (Pawtucket, R.I.), who was honored last season, and UVM Athletic Hall of Famer, Mike Evelt '82, who was selected in 1981.

He is one of four New England collegians on the squad joining BC's Troy Bell (second team), UConn's Emeka Okefor and Patrick Whearty of Holy Cross. Of the 55 players honored, Coppenrath, Okefor, T.J. Ford of Texas and Notre Dame's Chris Thomas are the only sophomores.

Also, Coppenrath, a Vermonter, and Florida's Matt Bonner of Concord, N.H. are the lone New England-natives on the AP team. It is yet another honor for the sophomore who this season was named the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year and garnered spots on the America East all-conference, first team; the America East Championship all-tournament team and the NABC All-District I (New England), first team.

Coppenrath scored 604 points this season, fourth all-time in a single season at Vermont and the most by a frontcourt player,

while his 211 field goals set a new UVM mark.

He led the America East in scoring at 20.1 points per game and was among the conference leaders in rebounds, field goal percentage and free throw shooting.

As a freshman, he was the America East Rookie of the Year and a second team, all-league selection and has been a large factor in the basketball renaissance at Vermont.

After never winning 20 games in their first 101 years of basketball at UVM, the Catamounts have won 21 games in each of the past two seasons.

In 2002, Vermont won their first America East regular season title and this season they won their first conference championship to advance to the NCAA tournament for the first time.

Coach Tom Brennan's Catamounts will open their 2003-04 season in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament next November.

The invitation to play in the NIT came after a strong recommendation from America East commissioner Chris Monasch and was accepted by UVM Director of Athletics Richard Farnham.

"We at the University of Vermont would like to thank Chris Monasch for his efforts on our behalf in securing an invitation to such a prestigious tournament," commented Farnham on the bid. "This rewards the continuing hard work and success of our student-athletes, and the coaching staff, who have elevated the stature of the program."

Vermont joins Texas Tech, UConn, Georgia Tech, Utah, Minnesota, UMass, Davidson, Hofstra, Georgia State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Marist, Missouri-Kansas City, Nevada, St. Francis, and Yale in the 16-school field. Early round games are played at home-sites beginning November 17th. The semi-finals and finals will be held at New York's Madison Square Garden during Thanksgiving week.

The 2002-03 America East champions, Vermont is coming off their first-ever trip to the NCAA Basketball Championship. After never winning 20 games in the first 101

years of basketball at the school, the Catamounts have won 21 games in each of the last two seasons.

Coach Tom Brennan graduates just two seniors from this season's team, guard Andre Anderson (Carlisle, Pa.) and forward Grant Anderson (Minnetonka, Minn.). Next year they will be bolstered by the return of the 2002 America East Player of the Year, point guard T.J. Sorrentine (Pawtucket, R.I.), as well as guard Alex Jensen (Mystic, Conn.), a transfer from Lehigh who was among the Patriot League leaders in assists and three-pointers in 2001-02.

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Taylor Coppenrath has been huge for Vermont this year.

Two Vermont LAX Players are National Stats Leaders

Men's Lacrosse

University of Vermont men's lacrosse players Michael Gabel (Falmouth, Mass.) and Mike Maher (Huntington Station, N.Y.) are among the national leaders in the most recent NCAA Division I statistics.

Gabel, a sophomore, has been outstanding this season for Coach Steve Beville. He is ranked third in the country in save percentage (.674) and fifth nationally in goals-against average (6.52).

Gabel has played in all but 15 minutes for Vermont, 3-4 overall, and has allowed 44 goals while recording 91 saves. He leads the conference in both categories.

Maher, the team's top scorer with 10 goals and 10 assists for 20 points in seven games, is tied for 27th nationally in assists per game with 1.43.

A freshman, Maher is tied for fourth in America East in scoring, and is second in assist.

Vermont is tied for fifth in scoring defense nationally, allowing 6.71 goals a game.

The Cats are also fifth in the nation in man-down defense, allowing five goals in 32 opponent attempts.

The Catamounts, winners of two straight, opened up their conference schedule Sunday at Quinnipiac.

Game time was 1:00pm. The game with the Bobcats, 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the conference, featured a matchup between two brothers.

For Vermont, America East Player of the Week Lowell Thompson (Shelburne, Vt.) is a top midfielder, while Quinnipiac's roster includes sophomore Colin Thompson, Lowell's younger brother.

University of Vermont senior men's lacrosse player Lowell Thompson (Shelburne, Vt.) was named America East Player of the Week Monday after leading the Catamounts to a pair of wins last week.

Thompson, a midfielder, scored two goals in each of Vermont's wins last week. He notched a pair in a 16-7 win over Siena and then added two more goals, including the game-winner, in a 6-4 win over Providence Saturday.

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Softball Earns First America East Win of Season

Women's Softball

The Vermont picked up its first America East win of the year by splitting a doubleheader at Stony Brook last Monday.

The Catamounts earned a 5-4 victory in the first game of the day, while the Seawolves came back to win 5-0 in the nightcap.

Sophomore Megan Long was UVM's hero in game one. After jumping out to a 4-0 lead, Vermont let Stony Brook back in the game, giving up three runs in the fifth and the Seawolves tied it up in the bottom of the sixth.

Long's two-out single up the middle scored teammate Ashley Stebbins in the top of the seventh to give Vermont the 5-4 lead. Senior Angie Totaro retired the first two Seawolves batters in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Stephanie DiBiase singled to left to keep the inning alive.

Totaro struck out Laura Bradford to end the inning and the game to pick up her second win of the season.

The Catamounts belted out a season-high 10 hits as four dif-

ferent Catamounts registered two hits or more.

Long and Stebbins led the offensive attack. Long went 2-for-3, scored two runs and drove in two RBI.

She also smacked her third homer of the year in the top of the third inning.

Stebbins also went 2-for-3 and score two runs for Vermont. Totaro (2-5) finished the day scattering eight hits and registering five strikeouts in a complete game.

The Seawolves rebounded with a 5-0 shutout in the nightcap. Stony Brook had six different players record a hit, while the Catamounts managed just four hits and left seven runners on base.

SBU opened the game up with a four-run third inning and tacked on one more in the sixth. Angela Andrews (6-9) earned the win, tossing a four hitter while striking out seven Catamounts.

Kara Massey (1-4) was the losing pitcher, but gave up just one earned run and struck out seven for Vermont.



Sophomore Megan Long stepped it up for Vermont

The Catamounts improve to 3-9 overall and 1-3 in America East, while Stony Brook moves to 11-16 overall and 3-1 in the league. The UVM softball team's doubleheaders at the University of Hartford on Saturday, April 5

and Sunday, April 6 were canceled due to poor weather and field conditions. The two teams will try to reschedule for another date later in the season.

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Life During Wartime

This year, which has been a long one, is finally drawing to a close.

Now, it is by no means over. But it is approaching its welcome end. And, granted, many wonderful things have come out of this school year, yes.

But there have been so many issues looming over us on both the local and global level that the positives are somewhat overshadowed.

Several crimes on campus have been particularly outstanding, dabbling in the realm of the potentially racist and the overtly sexist.

Yet the global problems have overwhelmed even the largest of those on campus, for before our very eyes, the world is exploding.

Literally and figuratively.

The most recent turn of events in Iraq is that the regime of Saddam Hussein is no more, fallen from former dictatorial glory.

Naturally, there are a variety of views as to this latest U.S. 'victory.'

Some reflect people who fully support the American intervention in Iraq.

These views spotlight people who are genuinely pleased that America has taken out such an inarguably violent and dangerous man.

Some people, though, consider the whole of America's actions in Iraq to be imperialistic and totally self-serving.

These folks cannot help but at least shudder in disgust at the damage our country is causing.

However, whatever label the entire Iraqi conflict receives is completely subjective. A matter of opinion. All perceptions are relative.

But there is one concrete statement in the grand sweep of it all.

Regardless of people's opinions of war, a timelessly tragic entity that is never a product of healthy, settled emotion, the ladies and gentlemen behind those opinions are not bad people.

They themselves think as and insist upon what they do during wartime because they truly feel that their judgments are the best for the given situation.

No one is simply trying to be a hassle. War just happens to bring out and stir up in people exceptionally strong sentiment.

Now, that sentiment can sometimes cause the kindest and gentlest of people to act and speak out in ways that are uncharacteristic and normally exclusive from their nature.

But let us bear in mind that these unnatural comments and actions are merely products of the most heated and terrible and atrocious of all disagreement: war.

Anything so massive that it can bring about fatalities to nearly everyone who fights in its name is bound to drive people to a slightly elevated degree of madness.

People are not blind; they are not heartless; they are not separate from the rest of their fellow humans.

So if you are angered by the opinions and stances of some of your peers, some of your contemporaries, remember this—whether or not they share your opinions, these people, too, act out of their pure feelings.

They, too, cry out in the name of what they honestly feel is the best interest of the current state of affairs and all of its victims.

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-To the people who constructed the system that detects when folks try to register for two simultaneous classes. Wouldn't we be pink in the cheeks in our attempt to be in two places at the same time.

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-To the fact that only one Canadian Studies class is being offered next semester. What the hell are Canadian Studies majors supposed to do? The seven-year plan ain't for everyone.

-To the people who casually sling back comments like, "I don't really think it was that cold. And I kind of like the cold weather. I wouldn't mind if it stuck around a little longer." Boorns to you, although hardy you may be, friends.

Come play. We got the biggest toybox you ever seen. Come for to make Lego people with us but also ask your mommy if you can maybe stay for the meeting at 5 p.m. in the basement of Billings. Our sandbox is way funner than your sandbox.

College Republicans Decline War Debate

To the Editor:

On April 23, 2003, Students Against War (SAW) and the English Department have made arrangements for scholar and activist Rania Masri to come and speak on the humanistic and environmental effects of war and occupation in Iraq.

Masri was born in Beirut, Lebanon and moved to the U.S. in 1986. She is a human rights advocate and environmental scientist with a doctorate from North Carolina State University. But although fully accredited, Masri was not the only person invited to speak about Iraq.

In an effort to raise awareness and to provide antithetical perspectives, SAW extended an invitation to the College Republicans for a public debate where one scholar and one student from each opposing team would go head to head.

Rebecca Ebel, a SAW representative, extended this offer to Sanjeev P. Yadav, President of the College Republicans. "We would like to invite Rania Masri and a student representative to debate the war with a person proposed by the College Republicans and your chosen student representative," Ebel said.

Yadav rejected the proposal.

Then, in an equivocal effort to meet the professional credentials of Masri, Cynthia Little asked UVM Professor Robert Kaufman if he cared to match Masri in debate. The response given was this: "I decline your invitation."

Freshman SAW member Ian Campbell said he feels as though debate is "an inherent part of democracy. In

order for a democratic society to function, participants need to be edified to opposing views outside the confines of a biased media. Without debate, people are not given the proper tools to form their own decisions."

Many people who are "on the fence" about The United States' imperial role in the Middle East have expressed their desire to hear opposing opinions and facts debated.

Robert Fulton, a College Republican, agrees that debate is an essential tool for democracy; however, he concurs with Yadav on the principle that "at this point, it is inappropriate to debate the merits of a war already waged."

When asked how the College Republicans would respond to a debate under revised terms, Fulton commented that the decision was not up to him alone. However, he said, in a past debate between the College Republicans and the College Democrats, things did not "go so well." Therefore, there is reluctance to debate on the part of the College Republicans.

SAW's steering committee has decided to take the College Republican's declination in stride, saying it is disappointed at the lack of an opposing forum. However, says the committee, "Rania Masri will still come to provide an informational session, and any representative of Right-Wing beliefs who would like to debate is invited to contact SAW."

Joanna Yagerman
Class of 2006

The Wrong Message Can Kill

To the Editor:

Two o'clock rolls around on an early Saturday morning and a sophomore girl finds her friend absolutely wasted, lying half on his couch and half on the floor. After repeated attempts to wake him, she realizes that her attempts are merely futile because he was drunk to the point that he would later blow a .32 blood alcohol concentration level.

In a helpless state, she decides to get one of his friends from down the hall. Together, they decide to call an ambulance because it is obvious that their friend needs immediate medical attention.

A week then goes by since his temporary hospital visit and the boy finds a letter from the Office of Judicial Affairs in his mailbox. Upon opening it, he learns that he has charges brought against him for violating alcohol policies. A campus police officer had accompanied the ambulance to the hospital and the officer reported back to the office of judicial affairs.

What message is the university trying to send to friends of blacked-out students? If your friend needs help, maybe you should use some mom and pop remedies instead of getting him the proper medical attention, just to save him from the wrath of judicial affairs. Next time my friend can't wake up from drinking, I'll just force feed him some black coffee with a hardy portion of carbohydrates and hold him up in a cold shower as he quickly regains sobriety.

The dictatorship has gone too far. In truth, as much as we, the underage consumers, loath the alcohol policies, the law still states that you must be twenty-one. Every time an underage drinker consumes alcohol, he/she knows the law and must face the possible consequences. But this

policy could help to kill a student. The next time a student finds him or herself in a situation in which he/she must decide what to do with an unconscious or blacked-out friend, he/she will question whether or not to take the friend to a hospital.

Even if students eventually bring their friends to the hospital, the fact of the matter is that they were skeptical of their decision on such an unquestionable matter. Students are left questioning their decisions which affect the health of human lives because of an imminent fear of the school's judicial board. There is something very wrong with this picture.

I am in no way saying that the school should just say to the hell with the law and let underage drinkers frolic around drunkenly, but in such a dangerous situation, there must be a better way to handle this situation. Underage drinking is against the law. Its rules must be enforced. But reality must also figure into the decision process.

The average student does not go out and plan to drink until he/she is blacked-out. But sometimes, mistakes happen and this must be realized, because mistakes are reality. In the school's ideal world, no one would drink, but the school must be more realistic with its approach because its blatant turning of the cheek to reality could cost someone's life.

A possible solution could be for people to have to perform community service hours rather than to be slammed by judicial sanctions. This way, the community would get some help and no student would ever question friends' health over community service hours. Either way, a change needs to happen.

Jess Toochin
Class of 2005

Bush: The Epitome of "america"

Several weeks ago, an article entitled "In God Bush Trusts" appeared in the Cynic.

It was both biased and disturbing (not to mention that it had an overly patriotic slant).

But then again, isn't that what our student newspaper is for?

To provide the intellectual community with different perspectives on a similar issue?

Having said this, allow me to provide an alternative perspective to Mr. Bush's regime and his rhetoric, the same that has fueled the hearts of "americans" since the invasion of this so-called "land of the free, home of the brave."

Let me begin by addressing the very obvious: *america*.

It is not a country; it is a continent.

If we can agree on this issue, I assume we can move on with our dialogue.

If not, perhaps a different article might be the best suit for you.

And since the word *america* has mistakenly become a synonym for the United States, I have chosen not to capitalize the noun. "america" is full of paradoxes.

Mr. Bush's regime speaks of freedom and democracy, yet this country has consistently failed to come to terms with its disturbing history: slavery, deception, discrimination, interment, oppression, etc.

It speaks of democracy, yet the voices of the marginalized (historically non-Whites) are rarely acknowledged.

It speaks of access and meritocracy, yet research has shown us time and again that an inner-city Black kid is more likely to go to jail than to college.*

Mr. Bush has declared war in the name of peace and democracy. Tell that to the Native Americans. Does Mr. Bush even know they exist?

Is he aware of the countless pleas to the U.S. government for land, democracy, human rights, dignity and the freedom to choose their destinies?

But no resolutions, only casinos.

Or what about the Puerto Ricans? Or Hawaiians? Or Cubans? Or Samoans?

Their lands have been invaded as well by the very same country that is preaching peace and democracy today.

In case you didn't know, those countries (with the exception of Cuba, whose only part of its land has been stolen) are all now under U.S. jurisdiction.

And their citizens are deemed as second class.

The article portrays Bush as a strong and devoted Christian. It states that 17 years ago, Bush "was simply [an alcoholic] man living in Texas with two young daughters and a struggling marriage."

Through his Christian faith,

it appears, he found the way to the presidency in 2000.

Wow, am I impressed.

The man attended an Ivy school despite his low qualifications.

Was that also because of divine intervention?

Some will say yes.

Personally, I think it is due to the institutionalized privilege that has been afforded to some at the

"america" had its expense of many — his Affirmative Action.

For the pro-War cowboy, it has become a common rhetoric that the "liberation" of an "oppressed" people serves as his justification for war.

But weren't those the very same excuses that the colonial powers used over five centuries ago when they sought the opportunity to exploit native lands?

According to eyewitnesses such as Albar Nùñez Cabeza de Vaca, Franciscan priests used to "bless" Indian people before they were raped and slaughtered by the greedy colonizers.

By blessing them, the colonial powers claimed, they would be "redeemed" from their sins — "liberated" — and a place in "heaven" would be secured.

But so cruel was the punishment endured by the "infidels" that many chose to challenge the colonizers by saying, *if that's what salvation means to you, I'd rather go to hell.*

Is that the same fate that awaits the Iraqi people once their current regime is replaced by Mr. Bush's?

After all, the rhetoric and logic that Mr. Bush has adopted is the same used by his greedy predecessors in 1492.

Colonial "america" is no longer in a position to decide what's good for others. I find such a concept offensive, overtly racist and naïve.

Have we forgotten that, not too long ago, Blacks were beaten and killed for simply being Black?

Have we forgotten that Chicanos who had fought for their country (the U.S., of course) during the Vietnam War could not be buried in military cemeteries simply because they were not White?

"america" had its chance to show the world it could live in peace and harmony with different people, yet it chose a different alternative.

What's particularly troublesome to me is the irony of this war.

Mr. Bush is trying to "liberate" a people when those very same people are being targeted, oppressed and persecuted here in this very same "land of the free and home of the brave."

Take Balbir Singh Sodhi, for example: He was a 49-year old Sikh-American who was killed in Arizona for looking "Arab" immediately following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Or my fellow Latina sister who was approached by an older man who yelled at her, *You and your people need to go home.*

That incident took place here, on our very own campus, a year ago.

Yet Mr. Bush is still convinced that he needs to "liberate" Iraq?

I find his logic a bit confusing and contradictory.

But then again, he is George W. Bush.

To many White Americans (and non-Whites who espouse similar values), Bush symbolizes the utopian "america" that has benefited a few at the expense of many: *The good ole days.*

The man epitomizes a time and era when everything was peaceful; when values were strong.

Those damn good ole days.

But from my standpoint, those were the times when men and women were deprived of their dignity so that others could enjoy theirs.

Those were the times "society" came together to celebrate the lynching of "savages."

Is this what Mr. Bush's regime wishes to bring to the Iraqi people?

After all, doesn't the Presidential cowboy know what's best for them?

And besides, he's a good Christian man, with strong family values.

God should be on his side, right?...*Right.*

I wonder if he has considered the possibility of "america" being the problem and not the solution to the ills of our world.

I have become convinced that times don't really change; history repeats itself.

Every time my grandmother wanted to fool me; she would say to me: *es el mismo gato, no 'mas que se disfrazó* (it is the same cat but with different fur).

I guess the modern-day colonialist no longer wears his/her armored protection; a three-piece suit will do the job.

They no longer travel in vessels; they move about in fancy planes and limousines.

And they no longer need the clergy to sprinkle holy water over the heads of "infidels" before slaughtering them; they only need to make sure to be in sync with CNN, NCB and CBS when telling their story. *El mismo gato, no 'mas que se disfrazó.*

As we witness the obliteration of a culture tonight — relaxed in the comfort of our quiet homes — I challenge you all to do so with one thing in mind: victors rewrite history, but the vanquished never forget.

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It's Liberation, Stupid!

If there's one thing that we have learned from the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, it is that the status quo is unacceptable.

We have also learned by the very demographic of the attackers that it's not poverty that breeds terrorism.

Repressive governments breed terrorism.

They do so in order to maintain power.

A key move to preserve power is for dictators to redirect their people's anger and hatred at the West.

Blame Israel, blame America and blame the West.

Never look to your own leadership and to your own society.

This isn't new.

Dictators have scapegoated others to maintain power since Hitler blamed the Jews.

Since Stalin blamed everyone.

Since Mao blamed 'counter-revolutionaries' and 'capitalist roaders.'

Whose side have the so-called "peace activists" been on?

At every protest, there have been Iraqi expatriates shouting at the top of their lungs, not only supporting a US invasion into Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein, but also shouting that the protestors do not represent them or the Iraqi people.

We armed Saddam Hussein? Saddam's army has fought with Russian tanks and French aircraft (that never left the ground — surprise).

Their rifles were Russian AK-47s and their anti-tank weapons were Russian, as well.

Their anti-aircraft systems were Russian SA-7's and French Rolands.

Another argument was that "revolution had to come from within."

In 1991, after Desert Storm, before 12 years of sanctions, we urged exactly that, and then when the Shia rose up, we stepped back.

They were slaughtered and gassed by the tens of thousands by Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. was then prompted to protect them in the South and the Kurds in the North by imposing no-fly-zones.

Of course, their betrayal by us and our half-hearted attempt at restitution only succeeded in prolonging their suffering.

But even then, the Kurds were able to form a democratic autonomous government in their protected area.

However, 12 years of sanctions only allowed Saddam to consolidate his power, to murder his political enemies, to get richer.

Those 12 years worth of sanctions also allowed him to support terrorist groups like

Hamas (which denies Israel's basic right to exist) and Ansar al-Islam (a group tied to Al Qaeda) and to economically depress his people.

He bears responsibility for that, but we share by not having had the political will to finish the job the first time.

Who has the "peace movement" been defending?

The Iraqi people?

After three weeks of warfare, the Iraqi people have more freedom than they have had in a generation.

Some innocent people have died, and that is a tragedy, but it was incredible to see the unrestrained joy of the Iraqi people last week, not only in Shia and Kurdish controlled areas, but in Baghdad itself.

Once recognizing that we were not going to abandon them this time, Baghdad residents threw flowers at Coalition tanks and Marines, chanted and danced in the streets and beat pictures of Saddam with the bottoms of their shoes.

All of this would have earned them, one month ago, the torture and death of not only themselves but their entire families. We KNEW, too!

"Human Shields" that went to "protect" the Iraqis came back disillusioned.

They were jaded by stories of, say, an Iraqi taxi driver who said that if we DIDN'T invade this time, he would commit suicide.

They were downtrodden with tales of post-liberation Iraqi marchers carrying signs reading "Go Home Human Shields You US Wankers."

Protestors have the right to continue to mutter their silly slogans while sipping chai tea and wallowing in their bitterness.

When the actual people who have lived in Iraq are out in the streets, taking down Saddam's statue and dragging the head through the streets while hugging their Coalition liberators — the argument is over.

Now we have the responsibility of leaving Iraq better than we found it. There is now a realistic hope for a free, liberated and democratic Iraq.

We must guarantee that such an ideal has the chance to be born — and then and only then will this have been a success.

Jon Kantor is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2003.

UVM Ladies Have the Right to Bare Arms

Yay!

After many long months of freezing winds and frigid people scurrying this way and that dressed like the Michelin man, the cold is finally over.

Last Friday, as I woke up and looked out my window, I realized something important.

Forget the calendar, spring officially starts when girls start to wear tank tops!

Looking out my first floor window onto the Redstone green, complete with birds chirping, hippies strolling and girls frolicking, I felt truly awake for the first time in a long while.

I breathed the air, feeling it fill my body with a desire for human experience, contact and, of course, girls in tank tops.

This time of year, my life is filled with these images, both real and fantastically imagined, whenever I get bored.

It's like the siren mermaids of the Odyssey, whose beautiful voices lured all of the sailors into a trance, unable to work, or even to think of anything other than the beauty of those voices.

I can't learn with this kind of stimulus around me at all times; it's nearly impossible.

Even now, as I write this article in the library, I have to force myself not to be distracted by all of the very studious hotties around me.

I loved those tank tops when I was in high school.

They provided hours after hours of amazing fantasy material in any and all classes.

They woke up that desire for natural pleasures that school tried to wean out of us with florescent lighting and tan paint on the walls.

I can't say I agree with whatever pop band it was that sang the song "I like girls who wear Abercrombie and Fitch," but I do

understand.

Those generic, multicolored and accessory-friendly spaghetti-strap tank tops are just what I need to usher in the springtime.

They reveal more than enough to spark my fancy, but not so much that there isn't anything to hope for.

They border on mischievous, but still appear proper.

They deliver subtle hints to all the males in the area that the pheromones are working; dudes, let's put them to good work already!

In the animal kingdom, bright colors are used to attract animals to one another.

When peacocks want some booty, they'll floss their bright plumage, and hope to lure a mate with their miraculous display of sensorial pleasure.

No different are those tank tops to the male species.

They remind us what we're on this earth for.

Go forth and procreate, boys, go forth and procreate. Of course, this isn't the whole story.

Most girls will tell you that more than for a mating ritual, they wear the tank tops because of other reasons.

Firstly, they say, it's rather hot and they don't need to be wearing any excess clothing.

Secondly, they say, the spring colors and fashion are just too much fun to pass up.

Why must we be objectified just because you stupid guys can't stop staring at our breasts, they ask.

Why can't we just wear what we want and not have the way we are treated change?

We just want to go out and enjoy the springtime comfortably,

without being made into the sexual equivalent of a steak dinner.

Sure.

But guys don't care about that sort of stuff.

We always have our own more base motivations and justifications for how we perceive the world around us, and with the exception of monks and eunuchs, most of those quickly revert to booty.

Watch a movie on one girl's courageous struggle with anorexia.

Wind up thinking how hot she is.

Watch MTV.

Find yourself actually paying attention to Avril Lavigne (something no one should ever reduce himself/herself to doing).

Why?

Because it's so hard not to, what with her being so sexy and all.

Why on earth do you think the "Howard Stern Show" has lasted for so long?

The guy's not funny, but he knows if he gets porn stars to fart on each other, every guy in that precious 18-24-age bracket will tune in. Old guys, too.

No matter how dignified, fat and bald we may become, we still can't resist the lure of ladies.

We're like malfunctioning robots.

Seriously, I definitely have some crossing wires when it comes to girls in tank tops.

I can't say I'm down with people farting on one another (porn star or no porn star).

But I really can't think when I see some cute girl walking down the sidewalk next to me with a turquoise tank top from J. Crew or from whichever other brand.

Ah, those shirts, handcrafted by twelve-year-old Malaysians,

bra straps criss-crossing those of her shirt, hips shaking like she knows full well what's going on around her.

I'm sure she usually does know what's going on, too.

Why?

Because I actually become unable to speak in the presence of such a mysterious and intriguing force.

Despite my huge, dark glasses (meant to disguise my intense vulnerability to the female gender), I think my cover is still blown.

Why?

Oh, maybe because of the fact that I break my neck getting a moment longer to gaze at these creatures.

And maybe because of the fact that I become completely stupefied in their wake.

Unfortunately, there are only three weeks left of school to enjoy the rapture of springtime before we all scatter to points unknown (well, most of you are just going back to Connecticut before the IT festival, but some of us are doing something different).

UVM only gives us about a month and a half to enjoy our physical humanity, with months of tundra in the middle, like a sandwich with very thin slices of fresh bread filled with lots of frozen spam.

Personally, I won't be here next year.

The draw to study abroad is just too great.

I'll be going to Australia, basking in the warm Aussie heat, and learning to cope with the beauty of the tank top all semester long.

Hopefully, when I return, I'll be able to maintain in the company of such wonderful ladies as we have here at our marvelous institution of higher learning.

Julian Brizzi is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Costume Balls

To the Editor:

So Julian, you write an article vigorously criticizing the idiocy and conformity you claim to have witnessed at a party themed, "Dress to Get Laid..."

Sounds to me like the case of someone who didn't dress for success.

Natalie Powers
Class of 2005

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SARS, 'Asian Flu' Update, Advisory, Advice: A Look At The Spreading Illness

The UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing is keeping a close eye on what is happening regarding SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). To date we have done the following: our Medical Clinic staff has reviewed the SARS diagnostic criteria, Dr. Jon Porter M.D., Medical Director is keeping in touch with the VT Public Health Department for related health advisories. Also, if the two suspected cases in Vermont turn out to be SARS, we will send a memo to the UVM Community outlining what we are doing and/or will do.

We have been in touch with Harlan Smith, Immigration Specialist in the International Education Office to coordinate efforts and information about where UVM Students, Faculty & Staff are currently traveling, where they have traveled to and also, where they may be planning to go. We will continue to provide health related information to travelers and their families as needed.

We will keep the UVM Community informed by way of our Web site www.uvm.edu/health where we will continue to provide current information and links to CDC

(Center for Disease Control), WHO (World Health Organization) and other relevant Web sites.

What is SARS?

People with severe acute respiratory syndrome have the following: sudden high fever, Shortness of breath, cough, difficulty in breathing. A history of travel to

Peoples' Republic of China (i.e., mainland China and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region); Hanoi, Vietnam; and Singapore within 10 days of symptom onset or, close contact (within 10 days of the symptom onset) to persons with respiratory illness having the above travel history put one at risk.

Note: Close contact includes having cared for, lived with, or had direct contact with respiratory secretions and body fluids of a person with SARS.

Other symptoms may include muscular aches and stiffness,

headache, diarrhea, rash, and confusion.

The symptoms are a feature of other diseases, so even if you are experiencing some of the symptoms it is not necessarily SARS.

Here are some known SARS statistics:

- As of April 8th there have been 2722 cases in the world to date, of these:
- 2550 have been in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam;
- 10-20% have needed to be placed on a respirator;
- 106 deaths (10 in Canada and 0 in America so far).

been diagnosed with SARS or has been in contact with someone with SARS, or if you have recently come from Hong Kong, Singapore or China or any of the countries that have SARS cases

The symptoms listed are common to a number of well known diseases but the World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned for a number of reasons. They have not been able to isolate what is probably a new mutation of a virus rather than bacteria. It is believed to be a more lethal form of the corona virus, the type of virus that causes the common

cold.

The illness does not respond to the usual medications such as antibiotics and antiviral drugs.

The speed that the illness is spreading.

The virus causes serious pneumonia and requires active, expensive medical intervention.

Health workers are particularly vulnerable.

Rest, good nutrition and support for respiratory symptoms and isolating the victims are proving most effective way to treat this new disease.

The world Health Organization as well as individual governments are advising that travel to affected areas should be avoided if possible. President Bush has said that anyone infected by the illness will be isolated.

People traveling from Mainland China and Hong Kong; Singapore; and Hanoi, Vietnam have been issued this Travel Alert: "During your recent travel, you may have been exposed to cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome. You should monitor your health

for at least 10 days. If you become ill with fever accompanied by

cough or difficulty in breathing, you should consult a physician. To help your physician make a diagnosis, tell him or her about your recent travel to these regions and whether you were in contact with someone who had these symptoms. Refer to the UVM Travel Health Web site for updates and links to other Travel Health resources.

<http://www.uvm.edu/health/?Page=travel.html>

Scientists have long predicted that a mutated virus could cause a pandemic and we have already seen a number of them, some of them much more dangerous than SARS, such as the Ebola virus and AIDS. Although SARS is causing problems and deaths the mortality rate is higher in areas of poverty. Poverty means the victims of disease are already more vulnerable because of poor nutrition and they often have compromised immune systems. The elderly, the very young and sick are at more risk.

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Door Policies Reviewed, Some Students Angered



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But because the students who live in these buildings can no longer gain access "people are propping the doors making the dorms less safe than they were before the door lock policy was enforced" said Marissa Nack, a member of the class of 2006.

Some students have also complained about the vast inconvenience that the new policy poses.

Students are being forced to walk farther to reach the accessible doors, which can pose a threat, especially to female students, late at night in unlit areas. Other students however, believe that UVM's security policies are lax in comparison to those at other colleges and universities.

Who, may we ask, is responsible for putting this policy into effect? Well, according to Mike Gonzalez, Trades Manager at

UVM's Physical Plant and the person obligated to physically change the locks; "Residential Life has recently reviewed security issues on campus at the direction of Dan Fogel, and a nationally picked committee," and determined to put the policy into effect.

So, how are students to be effected by this new policy?

Residential Life has already installed card swipe devices in several complexes on campus and has also attempted to arm the forbidden doors that will now act solely for emergency exit, with alarm systems that will sound only locally when set off. However, because the alarms have been tampered with already in such complexes as CBW, Residential Life has put the entire plan on hold. However, Figari did state that "everything will be on-line, ready to go when the students come back in the fall."

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Cynical Inquisition

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What Do You Consider To
Be The First Sign of Spring?



"My Allergies come back."
Claire Gallaher, 2006



"Peopole outside on the basketball courts in between MAT and Harris/Millis with music blaring."
Dave Santucci, 2006



"When you can walk home in a thong and a t-shirt and no one knows the difference."
Chris Schmitt, 2006



"I know it's spring when my mom lies on the deck topless."
Cannon Jones, 2006

Smoking Survey Turns Up Interesting Results: -Less Smoke Than Previously Thought-

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So there's a perception that more people smoke than actually do. This sort of disparity between actual and perceived behavior is not uncommon (we see something similar in the perception of drinking rates on this and other campuses across the country).

One problem with a disparity like this one is that people are more likely to behave a certain way—to speed on the freeway, for example—if they believe that "everybody does it." "Common" can get confused with "normal," and sometimes even with "good." The disparity we're talking about may actually make smoking more "socially acceptable" on campus. Would there be fewer smokers at UVM if this disparity didn't exist? Maybe. It's something to ponder, anyway.

Reasons for Starting: Another question we asked in the survey was, "What do you think is the number one reason why college students begin smoking?" The most popular answer was "stress," bringing in 23% of answers.

Next was "to fit in or look cool" at 20%, and in a close third was "peer pressure at parties," with 18%. A lot of students mentioned the social aspects of smoking as a contributing factor, and some even said smoking was a good way to meet people.

Somehow it is easier to say, "Have you got a light?" than, "Hi, I feel like chatting with someone new and you seem like an interesting person." We all understand this, but as health educators in the Center for Health & Wellbeing, we just wish tobacco wasn't such a handy social facilitator.

The Challenge of Quitting: We asked, "In your opinion, what is the largest challenge for a student who wants to quit smoking?" Thirty four percent of men and 28% of women answered, "Addiction." Forty five percent of females and 33% of males said, "Being around friends who smoke."

We know from other surveys and from focus groups with students who smoke, that most smokers would like to quit — and most in fact plan to quit. But, of

course, it's very hard to quit and quit for good. Very few people quit on the first try. Why?

Nicotine addiction is very powerful, for one thing. But the social aspects of smoking make it tough, even after the physical urge to smoke starts to fade.

When asked why he started up again, one student at a focus group summed it up by laughing and saying, simply, "My stupid friends."

If a lot of your friends are still smoking, it can be awfully hard not to bum a cigarette now and then. Do that a couple of times and you'll be buying cigarettes before you know it.

And the stress of college certainly doesn't help. Some students who hope to quit tell us that they don't even plan to try until they get out of college.

But this sort of thing makes us wince. You want to quit? Don't put it off. Give the Center for Health & Wellbeing a call at 656-0505 for support in quitting. Need a way to cope that doesn't come with a filtered tip? Call the UVM Counseling Center at 656-3340 for information about managing your stress.

What Else Did We Learn?

The survey told us that more sophomores are smoke-free (84%) than first-year students (78%), a trend that we like to see. Also, 45% of sophomores believe that smoking is on the decline on

campus—another good trend, and they seem to be right. Students have seen our smoking prevention materials all over campus, and forty-one percent said that they do a "good" job of attracting their attention (only 2% said they do an "excellent" job, so there's room for improvement there).

What do we take away from all of this? We know that many students overestimate the number of smokers at UVM, and this misperception may make smoking more acceptable and therefore more common.

We know that students who do smoke are concerned about their addiction to nicotine and that many students feel like the social culture of smoking is a barrier to quitting.

If you do smoke, think about quitting. And if you want to quit, ask for help. There's a toll-free "hotline" run by the American Cancer Society to help anyone in Vermont quit. Call 877-YES-QUIT. The Center for Health & Wellbeing can also help. Check out www.uvm.edu/health/tobacco, and call Natasha Thompson, Student Health Educator, at 656-0505 for information about tobacco, smoking, and support for smokers who want to quit. Quitting isn't easy, but it's not going to get any easier in the future. ☺

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Open Letters to Celebrities

Hello President Clinton,

I'm not sure why I'm writing this, but it feels right. I've been a huge fan of yours ever since the impeachment. I've read the Kenneth Starr report six times. Sometimes, late at night, I recite the passages I have memorized.

EXAMPLE:

Monica: He told me if I wanted the job I was going to have to touch him. Then he said, "No, wait. Give me that cigar, it's William Jefferson time."
Kenneth Starr: (sweating)

I heard you play the saxophone. Let me put your mind at ease, because when my peers are studying their "books", I study the microphone. I haven't actually performed anywhere yet, but I've been writing songs like crazy! Here's one of my songs, it's called "The Ballad of WJC":

"This is a song about Clinton

YEAH!

He was lounging in the oval
When a girlie walked by
He said I'm the president
And I'm really fly
YEAH!
(guitar riff)

Chorus:

Bill Clinton
Bill Clinton
Bill Clinton"

That's all I have so far, but everyone loves it. Since I've done the hard work, i.e. writing lyrics, I'll need you to give me money and a pair of non-cotton pants.

You see, when you're as hot as I am, cotton just burns up! Ha ha ha ha ha!

That was a hilarious joke! As soon as you're ready we can go on tour, but I'll warn you, when it comes to sharing a bathroom I'm water and oil and that just doesn't mix. Ha ha ha ha ha!

I didn't even mean to do that, but it's hilarious!! I'll be competing in a "dance off" tonight, so I have to go practice now. If you want to hang out, I'm available

between 5 pm and 5:15 pm on Wednesdays. That's my snack time, but I can eat and hang out at the same time.

Bill Clinton



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Next's Weeks Letter:
Donald Rumsfeld

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•All band members must be currently enrolled in high school...no exceptions! Bands may pick up and drop off entry forms at Advance Music during

regular business hours. Bands must also submit a brief bio, a two-song demo tape or CD, and a photo (if available), no later

than April 18. Entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

•All musical styles will be accepted! Bands will be judged

on song-writing skills, musical ability and presentation. Bands qualifying for the finals will have 15 minutes to perform at Higher Ground.

•Six finalists will be notified by May 2. The competition will be held at Higher Ground on Sunday, May 11 at 6pm.

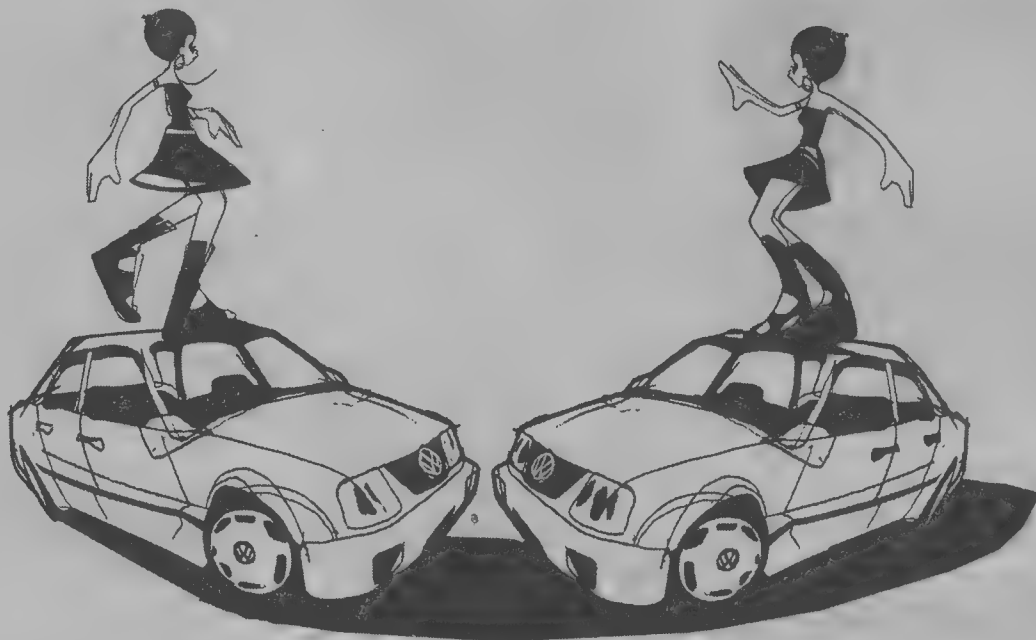
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provided with further information upon notification that they have been selected for the final competition.



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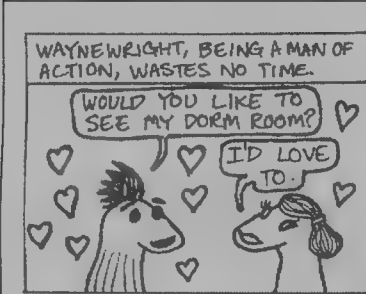
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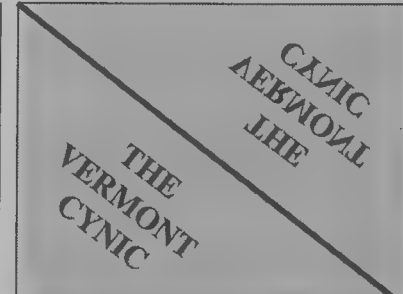
TOASTED VEGETABLES

BY LILLIE KINGSTON AND
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AND NOW, CASUAL SEX.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Aries

March 21 - April 19

They called me asthma boy and made fun of my rapidly disappearing hairline! They also said a 24+ year old shouldn't be living in the dorms, or still be concerned with my responsibilities as an R.A.! Wwwwhhhaaaaa!! I'm going to cry while dancing to the finest electronica known to man.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You're really weird and I want you to stop stalking me. This is a formal request to cease and desist your behavior. By the way, you're reading this aloud.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Excuse me Cinder Kit, but I

think I left something at your house. It's about two feet by one and a half feet and it's made of paper. Oh that's right! I couldn't have left a copy of Cinder Kit at your house because you haven't published anything yet! Oops!

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

You have a rash on your...

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

I can't love anymore. Ever since I saw Matt Sharp play I can only look big eyed and sensitive, but I can't love...

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

I think I'll liberate "them". You know, "them". And I don't

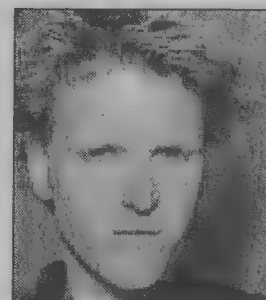
think anyone would "protest" if I gave them a little "breathing room" away from the confined, dark sweaty existence they have thus far enjoyed. I think everyone will be in a state of shock and awe when they see "them". (Wink)

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

I shaved my head and bought some combat boots. Yes, I had to if I wanted to be a college Republican.

If your horoscope isn't here, it's because you're a genuinely bad person with little to no redeeming qualities. Have a great week!



"I spent 2 1/2 years auditioning, and no one would ever hire me," [Jake] says almost bitterly. "It was easy for them to say, 'I don't want a young Gary Busey for this role.' But I'm not a young Gary Busey."

-Jake Busey



June 15, 1971: Jake is born.

1987: Jake's parents get divorced.

June 9, 1988: Looks in the mirror and realizes he looks exactly like his father. Considers growing a goatee.



Hi boys and germs! I'm Gary Busey: the poor man's Nick Nolte. Although I hate Scott Baio, I agree with his taste in newspapers. You had better write for The Vermont Cynic!

I am someone less fortunate than yourself. I struggle to make it through the day and if I just gave you this piece of paper, it means I'm dead broke and I need any money you can spare. I don't want any change or Pocahontas Dollars. I want paper money in \$5 and \$10. Have a stella day!

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- ✓ Believe it or not a woman's hormone levels during her menstrual cycle affect the rate of alcohol metabolism, resulting in higher BAC's at different points of the cycle.**

Women's bodies also start exemplifying consequences of heavy alcohol use in half the time of men's bodies. With about 10 years of alcohol use, women are prone to cirrhosis of the liver.

Think about it... if you drank for 2 or 3 years in high school and 3 or 4 in college, you have a good chance of having serious health problems because of drinking alcohol.

Wanna learn more? Call Alcohol and Drug Services at 656-0784 or visit www.uvm.edu/health/aod and take the Online Drinking Survey to find out where YOU stand when it comes to alcohol.

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Freshman, Dan Goodhue and student life staff member Melisa Dybbro, served root beer floats on Friday, April 11, to promote the upcoming Spring Fest with The Roots and Blackalicious.

Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor

How Can YOU Conserve Energy As a Student?

By Patrick Flynn
Cynic Correspondent

What's happening, UVM?! I wanted to write about something important to all students, regardless of what your views are, and that is the need to conserve energy. I am just going to list some ways by which we as students can conserve power.

I want to first talk about an idea my roommates and I came up with this last winter. I understand that spring will some day come to Burlington and that temperatures will increase; however, this is a little food for thought, particularly for next winter and those to come. My roommates and I decided to turn off our ancient refrigerator this winter. In order to keep our food cold, we decided to fill several two-liter

bottles and milk containers with water and to then set them outside to freeze. We then placed them in the fridge. I know some of y'all may think this is too heady or just ludicrous; but, man, it works and it's mad easy. We saved about 15 dollars a month by turning that pile of junk off.

If y'all are concerned about keeping meat and fish and whatnot cool, don't worry if you put four two-liters in the fridge; this should be enough to keep it cool. And your freezer is right outside your door. Having a thermometer is also important of this little trick though.

I am going to relay some other simple suggestions that you may have heard, but there is nothing

wrong in hearing them again. First, turn your lights off! If you are not in the room, then why do you need the light on?

Secondly, use a power strip in your rooms. This way, if you are going to work, or to classes for the day, you can just walk up to the power strip and hit the switch. Even though our TV or computer may be turned off, there is still a small amount of energy powering it-this is called phantom power.

An example of this is the power running to your TV while it is turned off. This power is indeed fueling your TV, because there are remote sensors running, just waiting for you to hit power on your remote.

Another area in which all of us can conserve energy is with florescent light bulbs. Burlington Electric Department, located on Pine Street, sells them for 10 cents.

Fluorescent light bulbs last three times longer and use a third of the power of conventional light bulbs. Also, every now and then, it is good to wipe the dust off your light bulbs, because the dust on them will reduce the amount of light coming off.

So, in conclusion, conserve energy! Chittenden County uses the most power out of any county in Vermont. And the need for power is increasing, because of people purchasing more AC units and simply because more people are moving to the area.

So my thoughts to all y'all reading this article are to do your part in conserving energy!

"So my thoughts to all y'all reading this article are to do your part in conserving energy!"

Don't Like the Burlington Noise Ordinance? Try Green for Gold Week!

By Carly Baldwin
Cynic Staff Witer

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"This is the best way to make our voice heard,"

said UVM junior and member of the Student Government, Josh Dwyer, as he enthusiastically spreads word of this week's Green

for Gold campaign, led by the SGA.

From April 12th through April 18th, all students are invited to exchange their money in for gold Sacagawea coins. Just in case you forgot, the Sacagawea coins were introduced a couple years back and they are valid, useable U.S. currency, equal in amount to a dollar. All this week students can exchange their money at various places around campus, including Cook Commons, Chitten/Buckham/Willis Front Desk, Simpson Store, the Marche, the UVM Bookstore, and the SGA office in the basement of Billings.

If students use these coins in stores and restaurants downtown, the SGA hopes that local businesses, as well as certain City Council members, will see just how vital UVM students are to the local economy.

"Through their realization of the large student population in Burlington, who spend their money readily, we hope the Burlington City Council will properly represent students and their interests..." said SGA members say of the campaign. Students' interests are not being adequately represented in

Burlington? Definitely not, many say, citing recent strictly enforced noise ordinances put in place by City Council members. The Student Government Association Committee on Legislative Action

(COLA) has tried to work with Burlington politicians like Ian Carleton (D) to reduce the severity of noise violations fines (some reaching as high as

\$1500) but their efforts have not been as successful as some had anticipated. COLA members now hope that the Green for Gold campaign will force local policy-makers to realize that UVM students are essential, helpful Burlington community members who should be represented fairly in government.

"UVM students are an asset to the local economy and they should be treated with respect by the City Council," says one student

"This is a nice way to make our point- we could completely boycott downtown. But we do not find fault at all with local businesses; we need them as much as they need us. Instead, through Green for Gold, we aim to speak directly to the City Council," said Josh Dwyer.

So get out there- spend lots of money and show City Council that you count! Sacagawea coins are completely legitimate U.S. currency. Spend them at nearly any business in Burlington: dollar drafts at "What Ales You" or "The Biltmore Grill", a Starbucks café latte, Country Kart, Muddy Waters, Ecco- They'll even cover your noise violation fine.

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STUDENT LIFE CALENDAR

AROUND CAMPUS

Work Study Employee Bagel Breakfast
Wed. April 16th 8:00 - 11:00 AM
Career Services (L/E Building, 1st floor)
Career Services will be holding a FREE bagel breakfast for all UVM work study employees! Thank you for all of your hard work this year!

Speaker: Madeline Kunin
"The Failure of European Diplomacy"
6 pm Tues April 15th
in Waterman Memorial Lounge
sponsored by the
UVM College Democrats
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Film and Discussion: All God's Children
ALANA Student Center
Tues. April 15th 6-8 pm
A film about gays and lesbians in communities of color. Dinner, film, and discussion. Information: 656-3819.

DREAM SPRING THING
Friday, April 25th Redstone Green 4-8 PM
Games, Music, Food!

Film: "In the White Man's Image"
CC Theater, Billings 12-1 pm
This film examines the experiment of federal government boarding schools for Indian children. Native Americans who attended these schools help tell the story of this humanist experiment gone wrong.

Catholic Center
Student Bible Study Tues. at 9pm

The Rosary - Sun. after 7pm Mass
- weekly Mass schedule:
Sat., 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm, and 7pm Weekdays at 12:15 Wed night at 9pm
- Monday, April 14th- Communal Penance Service with visiting priests-7pm
Tues. April 15th- Confessions 11:30Noon
Wed., April 16th- Lenten Mass, 9pm
Holy Thursday, April 17th- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7pm.Eucharistic Adoration to follow. Confessions 3-3:45pm.
Good Friday, April 18th- Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm. Passion Dram at 7pm.
Holy Saturday, April 19th- Blessing of the Easter Food at 10am.Confessions from 11:30-12:15pm,
Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm.

Christ Church Presbyterian
Informal worship followed by bagels, fellowship Sun. 9:30 a.m

Passover Seder
Wed. April 16th 6 pm
North Lounge, Billings
Tickets are \$10 by UVM Hillel 656-1153.

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

Class of 2004 Bowling Night!
Yankee Lanes shuttles leaving Patrick Gym @ 8:30 every half our until 10

Nick Phaneuf
Rhythm & Brews Coffee House:
Thursday April 10th
L/L FPL 8 - 10 PM

Film: Lord of the Rings,

The Two Towers
April 26th 7 + 10 pm
in the CC Theatre

Film: Girlfight
Tues. April 15th 6 pm in CC Theater
Discussion after in North Lounge
NOTE: This is a date change from an originally publish date

Play: A Festival of One-Acts
Friday and Saturday 7 - 10 PM
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Springfest: The Roots and Blackalicious
April 26th Baile-Howe Green (Rainsite: Patrick Gym) 12 (noon), \$15 UVM students, \$25 non-UVM students
sponsored by SA Concerts: get your tickets at the Candy Counter in Billings

CLUB EVENTS

Table Tennis Club
Wed. and Fri. @ 7 p.m. at the Harris - Millis Lobby

Climbing Club
Climbing Wall at the Patrick Gym open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs

Salle Catamount Fencing Club
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm
Marsh Dinning Hall

Kayak Club
Pool sessions in Gutterson from 8-9:30
Friday nights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

- FINDING OUR VOICE: A Conference for survivors of sexual violence, Saturday, April 26th, Vermont College, Montpelier, 9:30am-4:30pm. A \$10 fee includes lunch and all costs; scholarships, transportation and childcare are available. Contact VT Network to register 802-223-2302, TTY 223-2115, fax 223-6943.

- THURSDAYS IN BLACK Every Thursday in April Wearing black on Thursdays indicates that you are tired of putting up with rape and violence in your community.

GAYpril
This month UVM's LGBTQA Services Office is hosting GAYpril, a month to celebrate and recognize the GLBTQA community.

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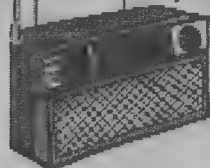
SPRING 2003 Schedule

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6-9am "Sleep in sounds" TBA	JT Figueroa "Chicharrones" Latino/World/ Jazz/Rock	ike "Melodius Funk" Jazz	Bob & John "Donagel Express" Celtic	david "I am afraid of everything" indie/twee	George Scott "Music in the Jazz Tradition" Jazz	Andrew "Jack Action Radio Theatre" Metal
9-12pm Ted "8x10 Gallery" Jazz/Folk/World	Cesay "Serious Oatmeal" Indie	LJ Palardy "L.I.'s Dream" Jazz/Eclectic	Robert "Sow more sally" eclectic	Glenn "The Sleepy Strange" melancholy indie	The Howie Rose Show	Anna "A little bit Country" indie/country
12-3pm Terrell "The Ralph Phillips Show" DownTempo/Drum n' Bass	erin "Alphabet Soup" Chillout. Trippy hop. RPM	Jimbeaya "misunderestimated show" Downbeat -to- dance	Sophie "The sound shaped blank" Hip-Hop and more	Rick O'Neal "In the Moment" Variegated	Tyyl "Electric Pop Rxxx" Indie/Pop/Rock/ Electronic	Mutant 23 "What's This?" Electronic & Ambient
3-6pm Free Range Chicken "They Haven't Got me Yet!" Eclectic	Josh "Beware of the Sheep" Eclectic	Mal the DJ rock	Dj CroB "Evidentiale" Hip-Hop and Trip Hop	Vince "Driving Music" loud rock	Infinite "The 6th Borough" Soul & Hip-Hop	Pat "The Grindbox" Metal/Punk/R'nR
6-8pm Soup Sam "Dread Intervention" Reggae	Gahard & Meghan "The Flying Trapeze" Blungrate/Jazz	Brian Lafranchi "The Improvibe" Funk/DownBeat/ world/Jazz	"EXPOSURE" Live Local Music	Paul "Mostly Cat Bands" indie/eclectic	Super K "Rhythm Rock" Classic Reggae	Caitlin "Silence in Stereo" Eclectic/Rock/ Classical
8-10pm Dan & Steve "Break'n the Road" Bumby & Eclectic Vindaloo	Monaco "Drop and Roll" Dance Music	Tom Ayres "Emotional Weather Report" american roots & eclectic	Nate B "The Sureshot" Batz	Dread Lion "sounds of Itation" Reggae	Melo "Cultural Bunker" Hip-Hop	Kristen Eclectic/Indie
10-12pm Kyle "Iris Vibrations" Roots & Dub Reggae	John Hinekley "Jazz &..." Jazz eclectics	DJ Andrew W. "Kinetic Groove" House/Trance	Jack Spede "Heavy Rotation" Hip-Hop/R&B	Valerie "Helixer" House	Tabu "SoulPlay" Soul/Funk/Hip-Hop	Spanky "Soundelash" Dancehall
12-2am DOL SKI "Sounds from the Subway" Hip-Hop/old Skool	Jeremy "Queen City Rockout" indie/punk/hardcore	Samson "Righteous Video" Roots/Dancehall	Captain Humongous "Cockfight" PostApocalyptic Impertalst Folk	Bred "Floodlights" Electronic	DJ O "Doin it to your Earhole" Hip-Hop/Trip-hop	SamSam "The Fog Machine" Independent/Folk/ Rock

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Green for Gold

Spend your Gold Dollars between April 12th and April 18th !

Exchange Locations, Available Monday the 14th through Friday the 18th:

- Exchange your paper money for gold Sacagawea coins (equivalent to \$1) at the Following Locations:

CBW Front Desk, Cook Commons, SGA Office, UVM Bookstore, Cashiers Office,
your local bank, the Marché, the Round Room, and the Simpson Store

The Student Government Association is asking students to exchange their money for gold Sacagawea dollar coins in the order to saturate the Burlington Marketplace with the money from April 12th to April 18th to reach our goal of obtaining more student representation on the Burlington City Council. Through their realization of the large student population in Burlington, who spend their money readily, we hope they will properly represent students and their interests on the City Council. We also hope that the Council will revitalize their Student Liaison Committee with the University of Vermont and other local Colleges so that student's interests will be heard properly at City Council meetings and for the Council members and city residents to remain educated about student's interests and concerns.

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- Concerned in Christie

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Dear Dr. Schmynic,

Okay, so I have a major crush on this guy I'm going to live on the same floor with next year. The first problem is that I don't know if he likes me. The second problem is that we are going to be in such close proximity next year, living on the same floor, and that could be weird if we decide to start a relationship, if we were to break up or something. I have a friend who has really strong feelings for her suitemate, but never said anything because she felt it would be too weird. I really feel connected to the guy I am going to be living near, and we have a lot in common, so I don't want to not let him know I like him, but I also don't want to be like my friend who never spoke to the guy she liked. I guess I just don't want it to be uncomfortable next year, since we'll see each other so much.

First, have you even talked to this guy you feel for? What is the worst case if you were to get together? Just think about what you may be missing if you don't go for it? It may not be an issue at all if you express our feelings. In all honesty, if it gets that weird, I'm sure one of you could always move. In the end it is up to you if you think you can handle the possibilities for problems if you live near each other. It sounds like you think your friend missed out by not going for it, so it's up to you if you want to take the risk. Decide for yourself if it is worth the risk, but by the way you talked about him, I say take the leap! Bon Chance!

- Dr. Schmynic

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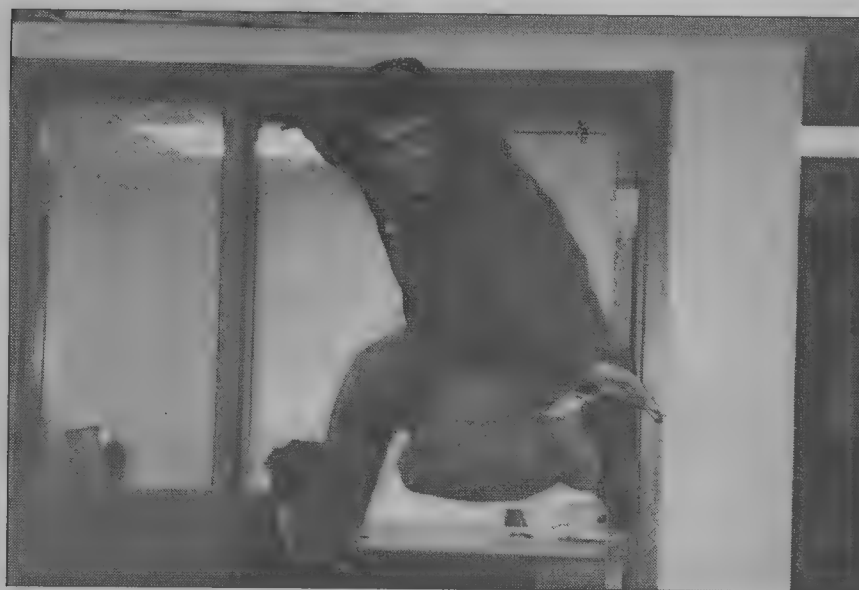


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Colleges To Grade Themselves on Performance

From Front

This way, the interpretation isn't too narrow," Zimmer said.

"If a school has a really good year because their basketball team is in the Final Four and everyone suddenly wants to go there, or if it has a bad year for some other reason, it will be compensated for when averaged with numbers from the preceding years."

But though the CCA is strongly promoting the idea, college and university lobbying groups have had a less enthusiastic response.

Tony Pals, director of Public Information for the National Association of Independent

Colleges and Universities, which represents private, non-profit institutions, said he believes the proposal would not be beneficial for either universities or their prospective students.

Pals said the report card would not only be repetitive, reprinting information already readily available, but it would be costly.

"Forcing institutions to provide additional reports would add an additional cost, Pals said. "This would be transferred to the students, in some part."

And Pals said no matter how general an outline the report card could convey, it might not give prospective students a full idea of the education and opportunities

they could receive at individual universities. He called the proposal "too vague."

"Students need to know more information when making their college decisions," Pals said. "Schools and universities are too different from one another and having a general report applied to all institutions would not account for these differences."

BU spokesperson Colin Riley agreed, saying he does not see the need for an institutional report card.

"If students and parents want information, they are encouraged to ask questions themselves," he said. "BU is more than happy to provide that information."

When Nader Speaks All Listen, Many Disagree

U-WIRE

A packed house found chicken soup for the liberal soul Tuesday when activist, former presidential candidate and "full-time citizen" Ralph Nader took the stage to lecture at Westminster College.

Nader delivered a scathing critique of a global economic system he said is placing "commercial values over civic values." He said the economic regime imposed by treaties such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization are undermining America's sovereignty over economic activity within its borders.

He pointed to the WTO's ability to force America to accept imports produced by child labor as a prime example of his claim. America has to strike down laws the WTO considers barriers to free trade, he said.

"We've had five challenges to our environmental laws and we've lost all five," Nader said. "These trade agreements are pull-down agreements, pulling down standards to the levels favored by multinational corporations."

Nader has a history of activism on behalf of workers, consumers and the environment. Rising to national attention in the 1960s after writing the auto industry expose, "Unsafe at any Speed," Nader went on to fight

improve economies isn't to build products for multinational companies for export, but to work on expanding domestic markets.

Nader's lecture was part of the John Findley Green lecture series, an ongoing series of lectures that have

included Winston Churchill, Mikhail Gorbachev and Margaret Thatcher. The first John Findley Green lecture was in 1937.

Westminster College President Fletcher Lamkin said he didn't see anything unusual about the anti-establishment Nader speaking as part of the series.

Courtesy Photo

"The lectures are intended to promote understanding of social and economic problems," Lamkin said. "I think Mr. Nader's lecture qualifies in that regard."

St. Louis resident Emily Kirk said she found Nader's views interesting enough to drive almost two hours to see him speak.

"I'm just embarrassed that I couldn't find time to change into my jeans," Kirk said, gesturing to her conservative skirt and matching blazer. "You can't go see Ralph Nader wearing a suit."

for numerous consumer safety laws. He was the Green Party candidate for president in 2000.

During the lecture, Nader said he's not anti-business, but that nations have to guide corporate goals to the needs of their people.

"It's not that we don't recognize the value of lowered trade barriers," he said. "Most of us took Economics 101."

But he said the best way for developing countries to

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Kristal Kostiew Breaks her Own School Record in the Hammer Throw, Team Finishes Fifth

Women's Track

Junior captain Kristal Kostiew (Northwood, N.H.) broke her own school record in the hammer throw and placed in the top three in four events at a seven-team outdoor track and field meet at the University of New Hampshire Saturday.

Kostiew won the hammer with a record-breaking toss of 187 feet, 11 inches, breaking her old record of 186-2 that she set last May.

Kostiew also won the discus (141-4), placed second in the javelin (122-6) and was third in the shot put (44-1-1/2).

Other highlights for the Catamounts included: Tee Gingras

(Barre, Vt.) finishing sixth in the 1,500 in an excellent time of 4:34.99; sophomore Erin O'Grady (Raymond, N.H.) placing sixth in the 200 (12.98) and eighth in the 200 (26.97); freshman Abby Marsh (Parker, Colo.) taking fifth in the 100 hurdles (16.17) and eighth in the 400 hurdles (1:07.62); and Westminster, Vermont's Sara Lovell placing fifth in the shot put (41-10).

The Catamounts placed fifth out of seven teams with 78 points.

Boston College was first with 156, followed by Dartmouth (145.5), Maine (120), UNH (85.5), Vermont (78), UMass Lowell (73) and Central Connecticut (72).

-SportsInfo



Junior captain Kristal Kostiew broke her own school record in the hammer throw and placed in the top three in four events at UNH this weekend.

UVM's Michelle Palmer running in a race earlier this season. (below)



Men's Lacrosse Improves to 2-1 in AE play

Men's Lacrosse

The Hartford Hawks scored four straight goals in the second half to overcome a 5-3 deficit and went on to defeat Vermont, 7-6, in an America East men's lacrosse game last Wednesday at Middlebury's Kohn Field.

Hartford, 2-0 in the conference and 5-5 overall, got two key second-half goals from freshman Garrett Kikot, the last of which was the eventual game-winner with 6:05 remaining in the game.

Senior goalie Rorke Greene, the Co-Player of the Week in America East, had nine saves, including a huge stop on Vermont's Mike Maher (Huntington Station, N.Y.) with two seconds remaining.

Vermont, 4-5 overall and 1-1 in conference play after the loss, had a 2-1 lead after the first quarter, thanks to goals from freshman Matt Taylor (Butler, Md.) and Chris Legare (Derry, N.H.) and five saves from sophomore

Michael Gabel (Falmouth, Mass.), the Co-Player of the Week in America East along with Greene.

The game was tied, 3-3, at halftime before Vermont took a 5-3 lead on goals by Taylor and junior Phil McKnight (Baltimore, Md.).

Hartford responded with four straight, with Travis Eckler scoring from B.J. Lavoie late in the third quarter before Kikot sandwiched goals around a tally by Chris Sauro.

Taylor led the Catamounts with two goals and an assist, while senior Thomas Hajek (St. Catharines, Ontario) also had two goals and Legare had a goal and an assist. Gabel finished with nine saves for Coach Steve Beville's team.

Vermont then took on Binghamton on Saturday afternoon.

Senior Doug Moses (Marietta, N.Y.) scored a goal and added two assists and McKnight scored the game-winner with 4:26

remaining as the Catamounts defeated the Bearcats, 5-4.

The Catamounts, now 5-5 overall and 2-1 in America East play, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second quarter on goals by Austin Humphries (Salem, Va.) and Mark Prior.

After a Binghamton goal made it 2-1, Vermont's Mike Maher (Huntington Station, N.Y.) scored with three seconds remaining in the first half, off a feed from Moses, to give Vermont a 3-1 lead at the half.

Binghamton rallied and tied the game at 3-3 and 4-4 before McKnight's game-winner late.

In goal, sophomore Michael Gabel made seven saves, while Binghamton's Chris Sochacki had five for the Bearcats, 3-6 overall and 1-3 in conference action.

Vermont hosts Stony Brook this Saturday at UVM's Centennial Field in a key America East matchup. Game time is 1:00pm.

-SportsInfo

Women's LAX... Continued from Back

In goal, Vermont's Kate McBride (Canton, Mass.) recorded six saves, while Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle stopped nine for the Saints.

The Catamounts then took on Denver in a non-league game on Sunday. The team got 18 saves from McBride, including one with 20 seconds to go to send the game into overtime, but the Catamounts fell, 19-17, to Denver in a non-league women's lacrosse game Sunday.

Vermont, now 2-5 overall, led 11-8 at the half, only to see that lead disappear under an avalanche of Denver goals. The Pioneers, 6-5 overall, scored nine times in the second half to take the lead at 17-15, but Vermont responded with late goals from Sobocinski and Erin Hall (Montpelier, Vt.) to tie it at 17-17. McBride then made the huge

stop to send it into overtime.

Denver's Tanya Fuchs scored one of her four goals in OT, while Patience Baldwin, who went to Vermont Academy, scored one of her team-high six goals in the extra session.

Vermont was led by Hall's four goals, while Booker and Cox each had three. Molly Sheehan (Salisbury, Vt.) and Ali Aucoin (Hingham, Mass.) scored two goals each for the Catamounts, while Sobocinski, Aali Mitchell (Davidsonville, Md.) and Sara Talbot (Williston, Vt.) also found the net.

Denver's Steph Scheider made 20 saves for the Pioneers.

The Catamounts host their in-state rival Middlebury Wednesday at 4:00pm at Centennial Field. Softball

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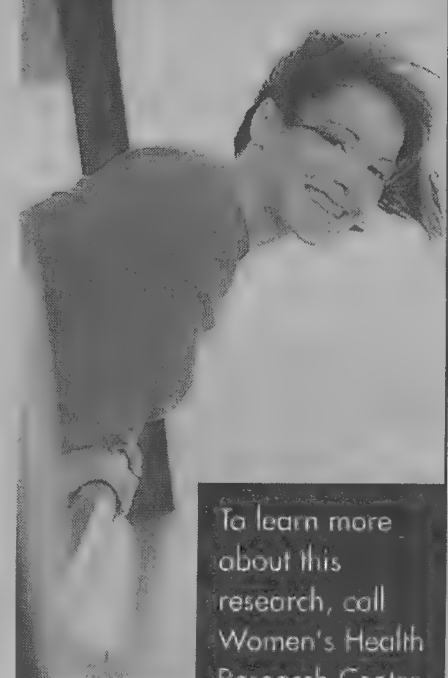
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Catamount Sports



Softball Team Earns a Split

Women's Softball

The Vermont softball team earned a split versus Binghamton in the Catamounts home opener at Post Field on Saturday.

UVM posted a 7-0 victory over Binghamton in the first game of the day, but the Bearcats rebounded with a 3-0 win in the nightcap to pick up their first America East win of the year.

Senior Angie Totaro (Roseland, N.J.) tossed a two-hitter and struck out a career-high 10 batters while allowing just one walk to lead Vermont to a 7-0 shutout victory.

Vermont took a 2-0 lead after two innings and scored a pair of runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to open up the game.

The highlight of the fifth inning was senior Kristy Winberg's (Lakeville, Mass.) two-run homer, just the second of her career.

Totaro retired eight straight batters and 11 of the last 12 to close out the game.

Vermont belted out a season-high 13 hits on the afternoon. Sophomore Ashleigh Viens (Milton, Vt.) was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, while Christine Toomey (Milford, Conn.), Totaro and Winberg added two hits

apiece.

Binghamton rebounded in the second game, behind the arm of Michelle Weeks.

Weeks hurled a three-hit shutout to lead the Bearcats to a 3-0 win, their first America East win of the year.

Weeks was dominating on the mound, striking out 17 batters and allowing just two walks.

The Bearcats scored two runs in the top of the fourth.

Rose Barre started things off, reaching base on an error and advancing to second.

She stole third base and teammate Jessica Chellis knocked an RBI single to drive in Barre.

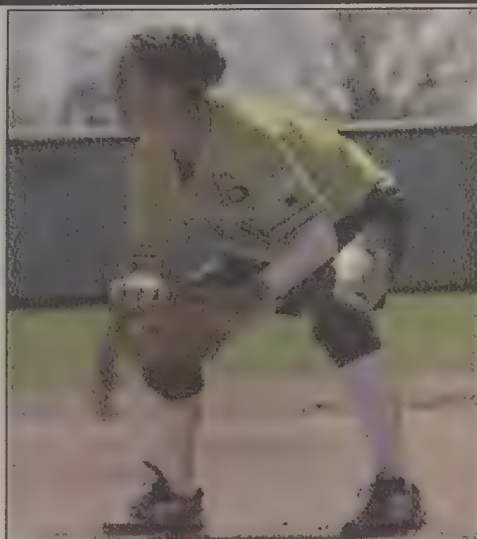
Chellis stole second and scored on an error on Jennifer Richardson's hit.

Binghamton added one more in the sixth to close out the scoring. Chellis finished the second game with two hits, two RBI and a run scored.

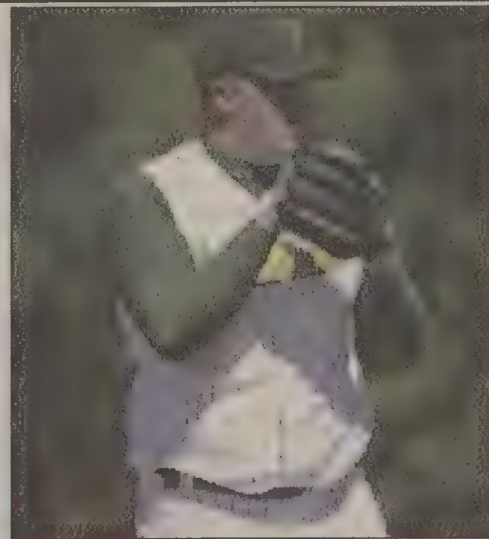
The Catamounts move to 4-10 overall and 2-4 in America East, while the Bearcats stand at 9-8 overall and 1-1 in the league.

Both teams will play another doubleheader on Sunday with the first pitch slated for noon.

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Kristy Winberg(left) hit a two-run homer for Catamount softball and Jamie Merchant (right) allowed only three hits and walked no one for Catamount baseball last weekend.



Baseball Cats Set the Pace at Fourteen to One

Men's Baseball

Jeff Barry, Jay Iannoni and Jamie Merchant led Vermont to a 14-1 rout of Pace in collegiate baseball on Saturday afternoon at Finnerty Field.

Winners of five straight and six of their last seven, the Catamounts banged out 17 hits to score a season-high 14 times against the Setters, a Division I Independent in baseball.

Due to inclement weather and the teams waited four hours before playing just one game today- the action was the first for

Vermont since April 2nd.

At the plate, Iannoni continued his torrid start going 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles and five RBI. The freshman third baseman leads the America East in hitting at .420 and has a team-high 13 RBI. Barry went 3-for-4 with a walk, scored three times, stole a base and drove in a run as the Catamounts scored eight runs in the first four innings.

Barry Chamberland (2-4, HR), Jason Carey (2-4, 2 RBI) and Kyle Brault (2-2, HR, 3B) also had multi-hit games for Vermont (10-4).

Merchant allowed just three

hits and no walks in hurling six scoreless innings. He struck out eight as he improved to 3-0 on the season lowering his conference best ERA to 0.58.

The senior righty from Colchester has allowed just two earned runs in 31 innings while striking out 34. Freshman Chris Blazek allowed the lone Pace (4-22) run in his one inning of work.

The two teams will play the scheduled twin bill tomorrow and may attempt to make up the fourth game of the series that was washed out today.

-SportsInfo



Vanessa Cox scored 7 goals against Siena Thursday, April 10.
Photo Courtesy Sports Info

Women's LAX Crushes Siena, Cox Nets Seven

Women's Lacrosse

Vermont's Vanessa Cox (Newton, Mass.) tied a school record with eight points, scoring seven goals as the Catamount women's lacrosse team defeated Siena, 16-6, Thursday at Middlebury's Kohn Field.

Cox, among the America East leaders in goals, scored three times in the first half as Vermont, 2-3 overall, ran out to a 6-4 lead. The Catamounts then poured it on in the second half, with Cox scoring twice in the first six minutes and then adding two more later in the half to finish with seven goals, one off the school record of eight held by UVM Hall-of-Famer Lyn

Jordan '85.

Cox also assisted on Sara Talbot's first-half goal to give her eight points, tying the school mark. Former standout Courtney LaMere is one of six players who have recorded eight or more points in a game.

"We hadn't played in a while (since March 27th) but we're starting to find our form," Vermont coach Kissy Rowley said. "I'm very comfortable with the amount of depth we have, and the first-year players have been outstanding. I'm also really pleased with the decision-making and our defense was stingy today as well, starting with Kate McBride in goal."

"It really was a great effort from

all of the team today," she added. "My hope is we can build on this."

Junior co-captain Sarah Booker (Lexington, Mass.) scored three goals for the Cats, while Talbot, a sophomore from Williston, Vt., had two. Other goal-scorers for the Catamounts were Dana Spencer (Cape Porpoise, Maine), Molly Sheehan (Salisbury, Vt.), Katie Sobocinski (Larchmont, N.Y.) and Sara Schultz (Rensselaer, N.Y.). Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Salisbury, Vt.) added an assist.

Siena, 2-6 overall, got two goals each from Caitlin Doherty and Gina Purpura.

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West Coast Sports: There's no "U" in Winning, Only Two "Me's"

By BRETT WEIR
West Coast Cynic Sports Analyst

In this world of immeasurable indifference and constant whatevers, I like to take a short, very short, moment to reflect on those things that truly make my life worth living.

The things that cause me to look into the sky and see it bluer than ever and view the grass greener and more plush.

Some of the things on this short and elite list are, Heath Bar ice cream, cologne samples in magazines and bobblehead dolls. But topping this list is the one true thing in life that makes my heart beat a little bit faster: I love winning.

I love winning and I love

winning at any cost.

I love watching, being a part of, hearing about, dreaming of and thinking about winning. I love beating a four-person team in broomball at 11:15 at night when I am on a full roster.

I have no problem kicking homerun after homerun after homerun against 11 and 12 year-olds for whom I am a summer camp counselor.

It is well worth it to spend twice as much time in the bathroom as it takes me to race my best friend in the "Fastest Footlong Race" at Subway.

I wouldn't even flinch at the opportunity to go watch Pedro Martinez strikeout 16 Yankees. It makes me smile to watch any team playing against the Yankees

come out victorious.

I would have stepped over my own mother to win a high school hockey state championship. I race my dog to the tennis ball after I throw it to him in the water and beat him with no remorse.

A tear came to my eye while I watched Vermont Men's Basketball win the America East basketball title in the last 5.4 seconds over Boston University.

I love watching the Oscars and correctly picking that guy with the nose for the Best Actor award. I have a hard time holding back a huge smile when I beat the 84 year-old off the line who is driving the minivan.

It was like a birthday gift to me when I randomly decided to

go to a Women's Hockey game and they got their only home win of last season.

I still revel in my victory in the Burger King Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles coloring contest in 1988 where I won a month's supply of Jr. Cheeseburgers.

I love being the first to the shower at 7:14 in the morning in a house of four dudes who wake up at 7:15. I celebrated like I was sitting courtside next to Nickelson last year when the Lakers won their third straight NBA Championship.

I love being the first to shout out the name of the third baseman for the 1960 Pirates: Don Hoke. I would starve myself for a week to make a lower weight class in the intramural horseshoe tournament

just to gain an edge over the much feared shoe thrower, Karla Flanders.

I developed a huge crush on UCONN Huskies Italian superstar, Diana Taurasi solely because she led her team to 71 straight victories; that's a lot of winning!

I developed a huge crush on Tiger Woods when he reeled off six straight PGA tour victories two years ago that I am still trying to work off. When I mow my lawn I have to check my neighbors' lawns to make sure that mine has the best design.

I love knowing that I love winning so much. But what I love the most is knowing that in the end all that matters is that I have fun, right?

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Prospective students and their parents leisurely stroll by Living/Learning during one of the many prospective students days this semester. UVM saw another jump in applications from last year, considered one of UVM's largest and most diverse, applicant pools.

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SGA Changes Faces, Hands

By AMY VAILLANCOURT
Student Life Editor

The UVM Student Government Association swore in its 62nd Senate on Tues. April 15th 2003, along with its new President and Vice President, Joseph Thibault and Dave Laman.

"The annual transition of the Student Government Association is highlighted by the productive percentage of nearly half of the senators from last year returning for the 2003 - 2004 academic year." Said Pat Brown Advisor to SGA Senate, and Director of Student Life.

"I have found that having a number of experienced senators continuing from one year to the next provides some critical historical grounding." The newly appointed chairs of the six Senate committees include returning Senators. These Chairpersons are Stephanie Knisley, Academic Affairs Committee; Megan Kiernan, Public Affairs Committee; Elizabeth Shorey, Committee on Legislative Action; Lena Darnell and Bryce James, Student Action; Roy Simpadian, Finance Committee; and Emily Berliet, Student Activities Committee. Jonathan Stitelman, Chair of the Finance Committee 2002-2003, was also appointed SGA Treasurer for the upcoming year on Tuesday night. "Our chairs have over 10 years of combined experience on senate this year, and I'm sure they will help make it very productive." Said SGA President Joseph Thibault.

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Youngblood Appointed Vice Provost

Denise Youngblood, professor and chair of history, has been named Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, effective July 1.

"I am very excited about Dr. Youngblood assuming this very important position in the Provost's Office specifically focusing on the faculty," said Provost John Bramley in announcing the appointment.

"I look forward to working with her."

Bramley also noted, "We were extremely fortunate to have an excellent pool of internal candidates to interview."

Youngblood will assist the Provost in faculty and academic procedures that include the organization and preliminary review of promotion, tenure and sabbatical actions; faculty recruitment and academic unit staffing plans; administrative evaluation and training; coordination of campus planning and strategic budgeting procedures; and oversight of the University's on-line course catalog.

"The faculty is the backbone of this institution, and recruitment and retention of an excellent and diverse faculty are essential to UVM's future success," said Youngblood, who joined UVM in 1988 and teaches a wide variety of courses in Russian and European history.

"I am excited by the challenges and responsibilities of this position and look forward to working with colleagues throughout the University community to realize opportunities for faculty development now before us."

Youngblood is a cultural historian specializing in Russian and Soviet silent cinema, Soviet cultural politics and Soviet and post-Soviet historical film.

A recipient of one of UVM's highest honors, the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, she was named a University Scholar in 2002.

Her scholarship has been published extensively and supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Council of Learned Societies and the International Research & Exchanges Board, among other sources.

Currently she is writing a book on Russian war films.

In addition to her university activities, Youngblood chairs the Committee on the Status of Women of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and is an elected member of the professional division of the American Historical Association.

-Press Release

Spring Fest Brings Music, More

By FAITH HALE
Cynic Staff Writer

It may not feel like spring out yet, but UVM-ers are ready to celebrate it. This Saturday the 26th with the second annual Spring Fest.

Spring Fest will feature performances by the Roots, Blackalicious, and local favorites RAQ, as well as tabling from local clubs and vendors.

The first Spring Fest took place last year and is planned to be a yearly event.

Spring

Fest was originally created

to give stu-

dents a drug-

free alterna-

tive to the pre-

viously-notorious public "smoke-

out" on the steps of the Bailey-

Howe Library, which yearly took

place on April 20th, to celebrate

420.

School officials became concerned

after realizing that a large

percentage of people gathering on



4/20 Kristen Rigney/VC Photo Editor
Police look on as UVM students smoke cigarettes in front of Bailey-Howe library.

the UVM campus on April 20th were not actually UVM students, but people from the surrounding area attracted by UVM's stoner reputation.

This reputation is exactly what school officials would like to do away with.

In the past, some students have publicly lit up in protest of the current anti-drug laws and

policies, but most have enjoyed the communality of celebrating what is unofficially known as the National Pot-Smoker's holiday.

The 2001 smoke-out was attended by over 1,500 people and was even

shown on the evening news.

For the most part, UVM has lost its "party school" reputation, most notably by dropping off U.S. News and World Reports "Top 20 Party Schools" list.

An Exclusive Interview with Ian Carleton

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Editor-In-Chief

City Councilor Ian Carleton has been a representative to Ward 1 of Burlington since March 2002. This Democrat is a lawyer at Sheehy Furlong and Behm, and is also the father of a nine-month old daughter.

The following is an interview conducted with Carleton about issues relating to Burlington/UVM relations.

VC: First off, what does the Burlington City Council do?

IC: City council is the responsible for passing resolution and creating ordinances relating to city business. Its relationship to the mayor is like the relationship to the legislation to the state and federal branches of government. And in that capacity, as elected officials



Ian Carleton

for people specifically in different wards, we also deal with issues that affect the whole city. VC: Being a councilor is a part-time position, correct?

IC: That's correct. We get a small stipend for an awful lot of work. This it with being I am a full-time attorney and a father.

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This past year, we at the Cynic realize that we have made many people feel very strongly about us.

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One original sentiment that some people hold is supreme pleasure.

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They see the differences among the perceptions we always publish, and they appreciate such multi-lateral portrayal of the UVM body.

These folks, the contented, are psyched to be kept abreast of campus issues and events by the Vermont Cynic.

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As such, these people feel very strongly affected toward the Cynic.

Their strongest feelings towards the Cynic are those of love stories.

However, we are not unaware of the other side.

Yes, there are many people who are completely turned off by the Cynic.

These people run the gamut of affiliations and characters and overall reasons for being offended.

Some are members of the SGA who have become disgusted with the lack of unity between our two organizations.

Some are individuals who have very specific and personal reasons for their disenchantment with the Cynic.

Yet another group of people who think that the school's paper has seen better days

is the collective body of those who know journalism.

These folks have a vast knowledge and great appreciation for journalism and do not label our publication to be the definition thereof.

Overall, the malcontents of the Vermont Cynic readership are disappointed with what they have seen this year.

They are strongly opposed to what we have been printing (or not printing, as the case may be).

But the one thing that all of these people have in common is that most of them have not actually themselves contributed to the paper.

They have not shown up to a. preserve what they like, b. to intensify and expand what they would like to be reading in the paper or c. to step forward to completely overhaul the content they dislike and to replace it with what they do wish to see.

Fortunately, soon come next year.

Soon come another chance to effect change or to continue the cycle of perceived goodness.

And frankly, we hope to see just that: additional input.

We do not choose to have a monopoly over what does and what does not go in the paper.

When people neither show up nor submit, we are given no alternative but to print whatever we get by whomever materializes his/her thoughts and gathered facts.

Next year, though, is a fresh opportunity for people actively to participate in their Cynic-to present their voices-to create a paper in their own name.

Disturbed? Support Divestment

The bombs are falling and there is no turning back the clocks. Media hype of military "successes" conceals the fact that there are soldiers, our relatives and friends, returning to American soil in body bags. Untold masses of Iraqi civilians are blown to pieces as we watch "shock and awe" light shows on CNN. If you did not support this war, perhaps you attended an anti-war protest, or wrote letters to your government representatives or participated in panels and classroom discussions to educate yourself and others. Or, perhaps you did not feel strongly enough to do any of the above, yet you still felt queasy at the thought of the Bush administration railroading this country into a war condemned by the international community.

Now, as the rubble smolders and the military assault draws to a close, it is too late to "stop" the war. However, it is not time to turn our backs to the truth. The truth is that each one of us has wittingly or unwittingly supported this war. If you pay tuition at the University of Vermont, then your conscience should be very, very uncomfortable. Our college has millions of dollars directly invested in companies that produced the weapons used against Iraq. UVM investments support companies implicitly responsible for wartime bloodshed, the most powerful of which are Boeing, Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics. All three are on the "top ten list" for US weapons manufacturers. Lockheed Martin and Boeing are #1 and #2 respectively, collecting around \$17 billion from the US government. As #5 on the list, General Dynamics receives \$7 billion. By producing and promoting the sale of massive weapons, these companies help perpetuate conflict and wars in the most violent places around the world.

Lockheed Martin is the world's largest weapons contractor and a major player in the areas of nuclear weapons and ballistic missile defense. The company is the recipient of the world's largest weapons contract ever, a \$200 billion deal. Throughout the year before they were awarded the contract, Lockheed Martin

spent more than \$9.8 million lobbying members of Congress and the Clinton administration, more than double the \$4.2 million the company spent during 1999.

Boeing is the world's largest producer of commercial aircraft as well as a primary defense contractor. They produce the JDAM (joint direct attack munitions) bomb, the most widely used smart bomb in the war in Afghanistan. The precision JDAMs have repeatedly missed their targets, crashing into a residential neighborhood near the Kabul airport on Oct. 12 and killing at least 10 civilians, falling off target and killing three American soldiers on Dec. 5 and wounding five Special Forces soldiers a week earlier. The Pentagon maintains that there is no problem with the weapon, and insists on its continued use.

General Dynamics is a key supplier of weapons systems and services to the US government and its international allies generating annual revenues of approximately \$14 billion. Earlier this month, the Department of the Army-Headquarters awarded General Dynamics an additional ammunition production contract for \$24 million bringing the total contract value to \$95.6 million.

Is your conscience clear? Are you proud of your university's connections? By investing in these companies, UVM is a complacent actor in the government's bloody war in Iraq. Students Against War has started a campaign for UVM to divest from these companies. If you find UVM's investments disturbing, please sign the divestment petition that will be circulated around campus. If you wish to take a leading role in the divestment campaign, come to the SAW meetings held every Tuesday in Lafayette 111 at 7pm.

References: <http://www.worldpolicy.org> (the war profiteers), the arms trade resource center, <http://www.fas.org/asmp/index.html> - the Federation of American Scientists-arms sales monitoring project

Guest columnists Katie Lozito and Rachel Hanish are members of the Class of 2006 and the Class of 2005, respectively.

As & Fs

As

-To the bus drivers for putting up with cranky, tired, grumpy, altogether irritated and irritating students who know not the plight of the campus transportation employee.

-To the University Dining Services for providing at least some type of Passover food.

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Fs

-To the UVM Police for regularly carrying handguns. If entire modern nations can field effective, weapon-free police forces, why can't we?

-To the University meal plans for providing less than adequate options. Who isn't out of points despite tightening ye ol' belt?

The Cynic is a good dancer. It's also lovable and a great cook. And it enjoys long walks on the beach. Arrange a marriage with it Wednesday night at 5 p.m. in the basement of Billings.

To the Editor:

This past December, 16 music students and two teachers made the trip down to Cuba and had an experience that I'm sure none of us will forget soon. While we all studied the music, the culture, the religion and the history for a semester in our Music of Cuba course, I don't think any of us were prepared for the amazing generosity, patience and understanding that the people we interacted with gave us. In Cuba, we spent intensive hours in workshops led by teachers from the Writers and Artist Association (UNEAC) in both the eastern and western parts of the island. We also had the privilege of playing with students from ISA, the Institute of Superior Arts, who were by far the best musicians I'd ever listened to or played with that were our age. These students were classically trained but played jazz as often as they could. It was amazing how difficult it was for them to access resources that we take for granted every day here as musicians: Real Books, teachers who teach only jazz, and hundreds of thousands of CD's at our fingertips to learn from and yet despite all this adversity, they absolutely blew us away.

Back home, it has been an exciting time this semester, as well. There has been a wealth of Cuban musicians and specialists in the area. There have been speakers from the University of Havana and a visit from Ben Lapidus, an expert on Cuban

The Other Side of Cuba

music who worked with our class and the Latin Jazz Combo. We have been graced by the presence of Chucho Valdez at the Flynn, Chocolate Armenteros in Plattsburg and now, Paquito D'Rivera playing with UVM's own Jazz Band on the main stage at the Flynn this Saturday (April 26, 8 pm). This is yet another incredible opportunity that will be an amazing end to a semester of learning and cultural interaction.

It's been a long time since favorable words have been spoken about Cuba in the US political ring - same goes for Cuba. It's time things changed - Cuba can't be dismissed so easily. It is a place of subtle complexity with a people that have managed to endure through decades of hardship. Despite sanctions, and of course, the 40-year embargo that has only hurt the people, Cubans are still willing to embrace and try to understand their northern neighbors. The only thing that will ever help this 90-mile rift is to take a step in trying to understand and embrace our cultural differences. The opportunities are out there - this semester has shown that. The first step is remembering that in reality, we are all "Americans."

Special thanks to Alex Stewart and Marisha Kazeniac.

Audrey Leduc
Class of 2005

Death Ride to Liberation

OK, so maybe you're in a cult. Maybe you believe that the best way to become liberated is through death.

For the rest of us who do not believe killing ourselves or other people will bring freedom, this article applies.

Last week there was an article entitled "It's Liberation, Stupid!" which began by mentioning 9/11 and explaining how terrorism develops.

Considering the 9/11 attacks came from a terrorist group in Saudia Arabia, I'm not quite sure what this has to do with the occupation of Iraq.

The US has not been able to identify a single tie between Iraq and the terrorist group.

They have also not been able to find a single "weapon of mass destruction" in Iraq - the original reason the government claimed this war began.

Moving on.

The article then asks, who armed Saddam, anyway? He and his have used Russian and French weapons.

So are you suggesting that we go after Russia and France?

FYI: The USA, your own wonderful country, armed Saddam-when it was convenient.

We armed them in the 80s, encouraging them to go after Iran, and WE AIDED THEM in 1991 after the Gulf war WHEN SADDAM'S GOVERNMENT WAS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE.

That's right, the US of A.

helped REINSTATE Saddam as a DICTATOR - the US army itself became his army and slaughtered thousands who tried to resist the dictatorship.

No wonder they haven't been able to revolt themselves!

No to sanctions.

Even the author of that article seems to agree - no wonder they couldn't rise up.

But now that it's too late to undo the damage, we need to GET OUT.

The pro-war, pro-liberation argument is that Iraqi people hated Saddam Hussein.

So if we left, do you really think that another Saddam Hussein would be allowed to come to power, now that his reign is apparently over?

Since the end of the war and the start of the occupation, no "some innocent people" have died.

The Red Cross has stopped counting the number of dead and wounded delivered by the truckload to hospitals, where there are hundreds of "totally dismembered dead bodies of women and children" lying in the hallways.

That's right. Four hospitals for five million people.

All of their own hospitals were destroyed, and that is the extent of the US humanitarian budget.

Meanwhile, the ministry of oil was the only thing the US left unscathed.

This is liberation?

The most truly disturbing part of the article was the part which was big and italicized, mentioning how great and liberating last week's rally of people taking down the statue of Hussein was.

There were about 200 people at that demonstration.

Yes, they hate Saddam. Duh.

But what didn't show up in the headlines was that US troops tried to install a US flag in its place.

The flag was quickly ripped down and an Iraqi flag took its place.

Later, when the people realized what kind of "liberation" this was going to be, 2,000 people (ten times the previous number) rallied against the occupation with signs reading "BUSH = SADDAM." And US troops opened fired on them.

I say it again. This is liberation? I think not.

So what about freedom of speech? Remember the Great Depression? When people put their life savings into wheelbarrows and could buy only a loaf of bread?

What about the fact that that's what the US has done to their economy? What about the fact that they've tried to introduce the US dollar as Iraq's official currency? (*cough* empire)

What about this: Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz spelled out US plans specifying that the UN would not be involved, that forces

would remain in Iraq at least six months, probably longer.

Not to mention that the port in Um Qasar has already been contracted for \$4.8 million to a US corporation.

By the time the people have chosen a government, corporations like these will already have turned Iraq into a "fully privatized, foreign-owned and open for business" state of industry. (Naomi Klein)

Liberation is a term the media feels behooved to use because of the demands of the government.

It is disgusting how one-sided news channels are, and if you look at only what they say, you are looking at one very narrowminded side of the story: the side of the rich politician.

Try looking at pictures of mangled bodies. Now think for yourself - is this liberation?

Cynthia Little is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

The Good Word

To the Editor:

I have three things to say: Matthew 5:28 "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit."

*Kristin Hansen
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Hot Topic Up In Smoke

After 365 days of waiting patiently for our generation's Christmas, 4/20 is finally here. The cops are chomping at the bit to fight "crime," in this case defined by college kids smoking weed, and we're all huddling below the window line in dorms, enjoying our communal laziness on this warm Sunday. Yes, the festivities of years past have been crushed, but I think we can all agree that nothing is better than last year's Volkswagen corporate-fest.

When I first came to UVM for orientation two years ago, I had the intense pleasure of having my orientation weekend fall on 4/20. I watched as thousands upon thousands of lazy hippies trudged to the library green, and puffed down hard right in front of the fuzz. Strength in numbers if I've ever seen it. To all those who missed it, let's just say that all the cops on the roofs of the buildings probably got more blazed than that one time in high school when they tried to hang with the "cool" kids, and were pressured into smoking the sensi. I bet the downtown Dunkin' Donuts was swamped as soon as they all got off duty.

Despite just how difficult it was for them to let us do whatever we wanted, they just couldn't stop us. Seven thousand kids, all puffing at the same time. Welcome to UVM prospective freshman!

Last year, however, I couldn't stay at Springfest for more than ten minutes without feeling nauseated. Even though I had been chilling with some really fun guys all day, and we had been having a good time, I couldn't help but look at the spectacle of consumption and corporatism as though I had wandered into Hunter Thompson's *Fear and Loathing*.

There were guys in podiums screaming to the crowd, trying to get us all to buy VWs, or trying to get us to win fantastic prizes, all with the VW logo on them, of course. There were cops searching everyone before we were allowed onto part of our own campus, and we were all outside, no less. It was just great, according to the UVM administration, consumption over chilling. They had school spirit people walking around in gold and green, handing out UVM pride stickers and pins, trying to get us all into the groove. Just go with it, dude, who cares if you have to sell your soul? You can win a car, dude, a car!

So despite the fact that I love DJ Logic, and really wanted to see him spin, I couldn't stay there. And not only because of the lack of chronic, either (although that did irk me). I physically could not be in that scene for fear of a nervous breakdown. So, rather than throwing a rock or a temper tantrum, I just left. This year, I'll be staying in.

Luckily, SGA was gracious enough to push back Springfest so that they can present their spectacle on an ordinary weekend. Next weekend, then, I plan

on quietly sitting in the hammock outside my house and blazing.

The one slightly (but only slightly) upsetting thing about this 4/20 has nothing to do with the administration, but rather, the reaction of a few select girls around campus who didn't really seem to like my article in the paper this week. Apparently, the fact that guys like tank tops, and are totally powerless in the presence of hot girls in tank tops, upsets some of the female population of UVM. Perhaps a sense of humor is in order.

I feel like my article was just fine (maybe a little redundant, but there's no need to get up in arms about that), assuming the reader had a sense of humor. Apparently, many of you do not. So, as a lesson to all of you out there just looking for an excuse to get self-righteous, let's look at where that need of yours to be indignant comes from. Now, I had written something offensive, but needed to change it for the sake of really getting in trouble. So, even though I have to beat around the bush, let me just say that perhaps it is the fault of a) overblown female egos, b) girls who wish to get ogled but don't have "the goods," c) the inexplicable need to get self-righteous or d) bitterness at Daddy.

Let's start with the latter. Don't take out your frustrations regarding your overbearing father on me, girls, for it ain't me, babe, no, no, no, it ain't me. In terms of being self-righteous, don't worry, I understand. It feels great to dangle your morals over someone, really an effective and easy ego boost. I can't be mad at ya, but at least admit that your offense over my article is based around a deeper need to feel good about yourself. In terms of girls wishing they could hold guys at their mercy from merely their looks, well, let's admit that many of you girls who do most of the bitching fall under that category. I was even told this weekend that my reference to girls knowing that guys look at them was tantamount to saying a girl deserves to be raped because of the clothes she is wearing. Not only is that untrue, but very dangerous.

When one throws words around like rape (possibly the worst thing one person can do to another and one thing that never has an excuse) when we're talking about a newspaper article, don't you think that rather degrades the offense that the word should, and does, evoke? Let's not put the word into common use just for the sake of bitching, ok?

Lastly, the fact that I can get in trouble for merely stating a biological fact in a lighthearted, fun manner, just shows how seriously you guys need to lighten up. I sincerely hope you guys utilized this last 4/20 to relax and dismount off that extra-high horse you seemed to have placed yourself upon.

Julian Brizzi is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

Magical Realism

Friends-the sweet melt of spring is upon us. I have climbed to the top of Williams and discovered the light. The light of a new day, a new hope and, more importantly, The ROOTS. and BLACKALICIOUS.

A vision of our hopes for the future came to me, and it was SPRINGFEST. "Go to Springfest where all your dreams will be answered," the voice said.

I am still confused, but I know that we can make a difference. Thanks to this force which came to me, we know that our collective vision shall be realized.

All of our dreams will manifest. With our cooperation, WE WILL BRING BACK AN HOUR OF THE SIMPSONS! JOHN BELUSHI WILL BE RAISED FROM THE AFTERLIFE, MICHAEL JACKSON WILL BE RETURNED TO HIS NATURAL STATE, THERE WILL BE A REAL ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT!

This is pretty powerful stuff. The Simpsons? I haven't enjoyed a good hour in a while. But I come to you all with a proposition, an invitation to join in the miracle. But much like the Ghost Dance, these promises come with a stipulation. We all must attend this extravaganza. The Roots, Blackalicious, Raq, A-Dog and Infinite plus a carnival in the new Vermont sun.

Though Springfest may denote negative connotations from last year, with our powers, life will return to our humble community. "Music is magic." With all the uncertainties of life, all we have is love. That may sound too idealistic, but life right now is unstable. We're all a part of this bigger entity, the world. Too long have we ignored the fact that we influence everything.

We all need sine connection among ourselves. We constantly search for identity, scrambling to understand a world of non-absolutes. All there is is this frantic energy surging and lifting us up, but we can't see it. Still, if you don't trust it, just trust yourself.

But don't deny others. We all have a weird connection, yet it is avoided as people walk past one another, failing to make eye-contact. Let's take a chance now that the sun is threatening to shine and stop snubbing our brothers and sisters. Take a second to look around and greet people.

One great way is to go to Springfest. Enjoy hopping and smiling with others. Maybe all our wishes will be realized, maybe not-but don't let it be you who holds the sole responsibility for not allowing every student the right to talk to John Belushi or to see MJ moonwalk with soul again.

I ask you now to take a breath and close your eyes. Imagine, if we succeed, the Goddess might entrust us with greater responsibility. These are all dreams and I can't control what the UVM population does, but I can let you know what I've been privileged enough to witness. Please consider the \$15 in your pocket an investment in the future.

Enjoy what you do.

David Engler of SA Concerts is a guest columnist and a member of the Class of 2004.

Over the Line

To the Editor:

After reading Julian Brizzi's article, "UVM Ladies Have The Right To Bare Arms," I found myself questioning the integrity of the Cynic editors and why I continue to read a newspaper that publishes such absolute trash.

The only slightly redeeming factor in the article was that there were a few tinges of satire that I somehow picked up. However, even if I am correct here in saying that Julian's aim of this article was satirical, this hardly reduces how extremely tacky, disgusting and offensive it was.

Reading the words "watch a movie on one girl's courageous struggle with anorexia. Wind up thinking how hot she is," is the best example of "satire." I feel I am being exceptionally merciful in referring to this statement (as well as the rest of the article) as a work of satire. Satire is meant to make the general population aware of certain follies and injustices in the world around us through some technique of wit, irony or sarcasm.

All this reference to anorexia did was mock, degrade and belittle a disease that many women have because of schmucks like Julian who objectify who looks the hottest in clothes (tank tops)-not to mention various other reasons. This article, wastefully occupying basically a whole page of newspaper, in my opinion, did not only offend women but it is because of garbage such as this that (many) men are found to be unfairly stereotyped as sex-hungry, misogynistic pigs.

Although, as Julian here proves for himself...a large majority of the male population does indeed fit the stereotype. I am obviously completely infuriated about the publishing of this article and urge the Cynic to be much more careful in what it chooses to publish in the future.

*Raquel Rivera
Class of 2005*

A Real Scream

To the Editor:

My Fellow Students, We have all recently been exposed to this new noise ordinance that Burlington has tried to impose to keep college kids quiet. I am sure many of you have been offended by this decision by the City Council to directly target the College Community of our town in attempts to pull even more money from our "already shrunken wallets." They choose to continue to ignore time after time the contribution that we make to the community both socially and financially.

This is our chance to fight back. If they want to continue to assess \$1500 noise violations, we should fight every one of them in court. Should we lose our fight in court, we exercise our right to pay the fine in the smallest value of US Currency, "THE PENNY." Who do you know that would want to count \$1500 in pennies during their day of work? That would drive the city officials out of their minds and make them rethink their decision.

In closing, don't let the City Walk All Over us Students. There are too many of us-they can't ignore us if we use the power of numbers that we possess.

*Brendan MacKenzie
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UVM Students To Perform With Cuban Jazz Legend

Any professional musician would jump at the chance to perform with Cuban jazz legend Paquito D'Rivera.

But for 27 student-musicians at the University of Vermont, the rare opportunity to learn and perform with this world-class musician is a vital step on the educational path that leads from technical competence to artistry.

The UVM Jazz Ensemble will take the Flynn Center MainStage with Grammy-award winner D'Rivera on Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Alex Stewart, UVM assistant professor of music, the ensemble will perform with D'Rivera and his acclaimed Quintet for the first half of the show, and return to the stage for a grand finale.

"As far as I know, this is the first time a UVM student instrumental group has performed on the Flynn MainStage," said Stewart.

But the complex rhythms of Latin Jazz are already familiar to several of the student-musicians Stewart for a two-week educational and cultural exchange in January.

"Now they can apply what they learned," said Stewart.

"It's not only about playing the music, but also about understanding its cultural roots."

Although best known for his explosive mixture of jazz, rock and traditional Cuban music, D'Rivera's international inspirations also encompass the music of Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela.

He formerly led a jazz group called the United Nations Orchestra, and has assembled the talented players in his current Quintet from Argentina, Peru, Israel and the United States.

During his two-day residency in Vermont, D'Rivera will lead a dress rehearsal with the UVM Jazz Ensemble Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in room 301, Southwick.

He also will lead a Latin Jazz master class at the Flynn with the UVM Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble and FlynnArts Jazz Combo on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

The class is full, but observers may attend for a \$7 fee at the door.

The Paquito D'Rivera Quintet is presented by the Flynn with support from the UVM Department of Music, Initiatives on Diversity, Lane Series and Office of International Education.

Tickets are priced at \$24, \$19 and \$14 and are available at the Flynn ticket office. Call 863-5966 or go to www.flynncenter.org.

A limited number of tickets have been discounted to \$7 for UVM students only and are available on a first-come, first-served basis by calling Alex Stewart at 656-7766.

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Web site helps students find cool summer jobs

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You didn't get that internship you wanted and summer is a mere four weeks away.

The thought of returning to your old job back home isn't appealing to you either. Don't fret. There's still a little time to set up a challenging, yet fun summer job.

Web sites like www.coolworks.com have extensive databases of summer work opportunities.

Whether you want to work on a cruise ship, at a resort, on a ranch or at plenty of other fun options, there are choices out there for college students.

Several people who worked at Yellowstone National Park created the Web site in 1995. The site's creators wanted to produce a resource for people from all over the country looking for jobs at national and state parks, ranches, summer camps, cruises and other interesting fun jobs as opposed to people in search of resume-padding employment.

"Work experience is a good thing for some people who want to be in the hospitality field, but the folks who come here aren't just in it for the experience," www.coolworks.com director of operations Patty Bishoff said.

"They are students and other people with a wide range of ages coming together from all over the country to have a great summer."

Bishoff said the featured employers offer housing and food for free or a minimal cost. This makes for an easy transition into a summer job, Bishoff said.

One way students can get paid this summer is by bonding with nature. At Triangle X Ranch in Moose, Wyo., 50 percent of its summer employment is college students.

Although the traditional starting jobs, like being a waitress or cook, have little to do with ranch life, ranch hand John Turner said students can work their way up to being a river guide or a wrangler hand.

Another perk to jobs like this is that room, board and meals are free, and employees still make \$1,500 in monthly salary.

"We're famous for horseback riding and our trips down the Snake River," Turner said.

If you'd like to combine working with children and spending your summer outdoors, check out the various summer camp jobs on the site. For example, until May 15, Camp Ondessonk in Ozark, Ill., is taking applications

for summer leadership positions, like being an activity director or unit leader for the camp.

"It's a great opportunity to learn life-long learning skills - communication, team building, leadership - skills you need in the corporate world," employee Lee Smith said.

"It's more than just playing all summer. It's very rewarding but hard work."

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Cynical Inquisition

Compiled By Kristen Rigney
What is one thing you wish you had gotten involved with at school this year?



"I wanna play broomball next year."

Chris Sloane, 2006



"I wish I had gotten involved with track because I did it in high school."

Andrea Griffin, 2005



"I wish I had gotten involved with club lacrosse."

Peter Baker, 2006



"I wish I had gotten involved with the riding team."

Ashley Sager, 2005



"Going to class, I haven't been to class all week."

Andy Seronick, 2006

City Councilor Discusses UVM Issues

VC: So, what is the council doing right now?

IC: Well, right now we finished the another round of elections. Two meetings ago we had the mayor's State of the City address, and just re-assigned the committee structure. The stuff we're working on right now, is a long-term project is to the re-write the city zoning ordinances. Also, what types of uses in different neighborhoods, have to improve drug abuse prevention, as well as working hard to try improve bus transportation around the city, and trying to make sure construction on track, on Riverside Ave and the southern part of town.

VC: What committee are you on?

IC: I was just appointed to be the Chair of the Ordinance and the Community Development Committee and am the student/city liason. To the last one, I want to make an extra special push this year to make sure that that committee is active, and use it for a tool to make communications better with the college and the town.

VC: A lot of UVM had concerns and are still concerned with the noise ordinance recently passed. Can you explain more about it?

IC: The noise ordinance was controversial from the get go. I went to the SGA Senate to talk about, and I was under the impression from the deal of talk about the noise ordinance, that students were an extremely important and active part of the noise ordinance. Any students who thinks that the

students were let out of the process, they were mistaken because students packed the hearings downtown. They were definitely involved in the process, and their involvement is reflected in the process in to deal with unwanted noise in a way that is fair and not overboard. That was the message that the students brought and that I brought throughout the process, it was the goals we tried to achieve, and I think we did to some extent.

The ordinance just went into affect, and it's important for the council and for me to be hearing from students now about how it's affecting them. My email address is icarleton@yahoo.com, and I am eager to hear what the students are thinking, and to make their voices heard. The noise ordinance doesn't put people in jump suits, it offers alternatives to stiff penalties, and that was the students putting those alternative into place, and they should feel proud.

VC: What, in your opinion, is the city's perception of UVM students?

IC: I don't think I could speak for the city or the city council of what people think, that is too simple of a question. It is absolutely wrong, though, that the city Burlington doesn't like them or appreciate them or their presence. In fact, it's quite the opposite. It's true, the city is in large part a vibrant and emergent place it is due to the large student population. All of the art and culture of being a major college town, and now what we have to do is learn to live together as harmoniously as possible.

sible.

That is the special riddle of Ward 1 of Burlington. My personal contact with students has been nothing but great. I've taught classes on legal topics, campaigned throughout the dorms, and students have been receptive and have wanted to talk about city government. They care about issues that matter, are intelligent and engaged, and I've had nothing but good interactions. I'm also not really not that far from being a student myself.

VC: You mentioned being the student/city liason for the council. Can you explain more about it?

IC: It has not been active in the past, and I want to do something about that. I wanted to it because it was clear that some students were looking for a more direct way to have a voice in city matters. It's a perfect vehicle to invite recommendation of how to exploit that relationship. We could have a monthly column in the Cynic, and I'm open to all suggestions, and the whole reason for the committee is to talk to students and ask them what they want by interaction by city government.

VC: What are your plans for the future?

IC: I'm going to try really hard to get the students as engaged as possible with city processes as much for next year. I'm going to put special focus on getting the city and the students together in the beginning of this fall.

Spring Fest Activities Planned for This Saturday

Last year, associated press carried a story about UVM's efforts to crack down on the excess illicit behavior last year

This year's festivities are being organized by SA concerts, and is financially sponsored by the school.

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If one has any suggestions for subsequent Spring Fest events, the organizers welcome feedback, and invite students to fill out a questionnaire at the Bailey Howe Library circulation desk.

Tickets cost \$15 for UVM students and \$25 for others.

They can be purchased at the Candy Counter in the Billings basement, at Pure Pop on Main St., online at www.flyntheater.org, or by calling 863-5966.

In the event of rain, Spring Fest will be relocated to the Patrick Gym.

-Press Release

Williams Renovation Wins Preservation Burlington Award

Skillful restoration of Williams Hall's historic slate roof and trademark copper ventilators earned the University of Vermont one of three 2002 Historic Preservation Awards given by Preservation Burlington, a community organization dedicated to preserving the architectural, historic and aesthetic vitality of the city.

The award was presented during a ceremony in Burlington's Union Station on March 26. Thomas Visser, professor of historic preservation, and Ralph Olberg, project manager in architectural and engineering services, accepted the honor on the institution's behalf.

The project entailed removing all of the building's roof slate and salvaging approximately half of it. Matching new slate came from a quarry in New Brunswick, Canada.

The copper flashing was replicated with some modifications made to decrease ice build-up around the roof edges.

All of the terra cotta caps and ornamental figures were cleaned, repined and re-pointed to their original locations.

Deteriorated dormer windows were repaired, re-glazed and reinstalled.

Restorers found that two of the three copper cupola ventilators atop the roof were deteriorated to the point where they were ready to fall off the building. Vulcan Supply Corporation brought the fixtures to their shop in Milton where they were able to salvage many of the significant ornamental elements and reintegrate them with new copper ventilators designed to match the original structures.

Williams Science Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the University Green Historic District.

The building was built in 1896 with donated funds from Edward H. Williams of the Baldwin Locomotive Company of Philadelphia.

The building's exterior includes a magnificent slate roof, ornate copper ventilators, dormers, terra cotta medallions and three reliefs of prominent scientists.

To preserve the building's historic character, the university

assembled a team of specialists for the renovation that included architect Marty Sienkiewicz and the firms of H.P. Cummings

Construction, Alpine Restoration, Vulcan Supply Corporation and Rodd Roofing.

-Press Release

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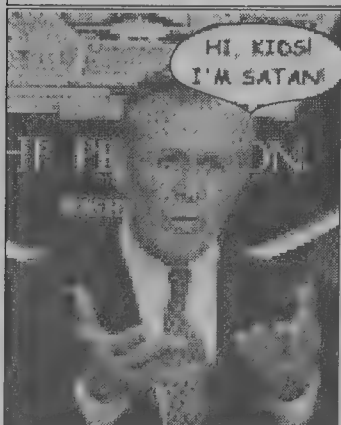
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Open Letters to Celebrities

Dear Donny R.,
I'm a huge fan of yours, and this letter is a very real confirmation of my affinity for the phenomenon that is Donald Rumsfeld. I love what you've done with your "personality" and your "hair". I probably shouldn't write

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Hhahahahahahahahaha!!!!
Aaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh
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F a l a f e l ! ! ! ! !
Ccccccrrrrraaaaazzzzyyyyyy!!!
I took this job so I could catch "bad guys"!!!!!! Yes, I like wearing the uniform too!!!!!!
Rrrrrraaaaaahhhhhhh!!!!!!

RUMSFELD



this, but I have 358 pictures of you on my wall at home. It's a beautiful thing. So beautiful in fact, I've had to keep "other people" out of my room.

You, especially, know how judgmental some people can be and because of that I feel we have an automatic bond. A bond that traverses any racial, economic, or sexual differences.

We are one in the same Donny. You and me. Tu y mi. I encourage you and you encourage me. Hey! Why don't we get together? We could get something to eat. Do you like falafel? I love falafel! Wwwweeeeeeeeee!!! Yeah falafel!!! Yyyiiipppppeeeeeee!!!! Hooooorrrraaayyy!!!!!! Wiiiizzzzzaaaaacuuuuuzzooooo

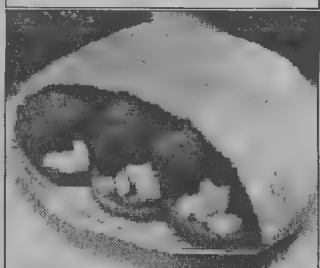
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longest-running comedy troupe, which continually breaks international box-office records and enjoys a huge following on the BBC and NPR. Like an utterly madcap CliffsNotesTM, this trio of lunatics zips through everything you never got around to reading in high school!

RAQ, A Guilty Pleasure?

By JOSHUA S. SKLARIN
Cynic Correspondent

You know that feeling you get when you really dig something, but are ashamed to admit to it because you fear the ridicule of your peers? Well, that's the way thousands of music fans react when they are confronted in a public forum about whether or not they are fans of Burlington's own, Raq.

In 2001, guitarist Chris Michetti, bassist Jay Burwick, drummer Greg Stuke, and keyboardist Marc Scortino formed Shadraq. In a little over a year, the foursome gained a respectable following, but were consistently chastised for their near resemblance to the other Burlington foursome, Phish. Not only did Chris Michetti's tone and style mimic that of Phish's Trey Anastasio, but the type of songs that the band produced were unmistakably very Phish-like.

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A big factor in the song writing process at the time was keyboard player Marc Scortino, who wrote "Donkey Show," "Dirty Sanchez," and "Wax." Although great songs in their own right, they were very unoriginal in style and composition. Realizing their problem of unoriginality, in conjunction with some inner struggles within the band, Marc Scortino departed, taking his heavily rock influenced songs with him.

So, after the departure, they changed their name to Raq, and were on the hunt for a new keyboardist. Enter the eclectic, electric, and talented key-master Todd Stoops. Another local boy, Stoops was just the answer that Michetti and the rest of Raq were looking for. Stoops brought with him everything that Scortino lacked: different musical tastes and influences. Penning the new songs "Clamslide," "Loose," "Shirley," and the completely raging tune "Carbohydrates are the Enemy," Stoops brought a whole new flavor to Raq.

Stoops also provided more room for the extremely gifted Michetti to explore new guitar techniques and sounds to find his own, unique voice.

Now, this hard working, and very young band is selling out place like the Fox Theater in Boulder and The Knitting Factory in NYC. Their new material has a different and ballsier direction than their older tunes.

Instead of straightforward rock, the band is now playing



RAQ

with a much heavier influence on jazz with hints of electronica, creating a style that is all their own.

It seems that Michetti, Stoops, Burwick, and Stuke are on their way to finding their improvisational language, which translates into forceful and exciting music. They are slowly, but surely

moving away from the heavy influence on guitar driven jam rock, and quieting the nay-sayers.

RAQ will be performing this Saturday during Springfest and at Slade Hall.

LOOK NEXT WEEK FOR AN
INTERVIEW WITH RAQ
GUITARIST CHRIS MICHETTI

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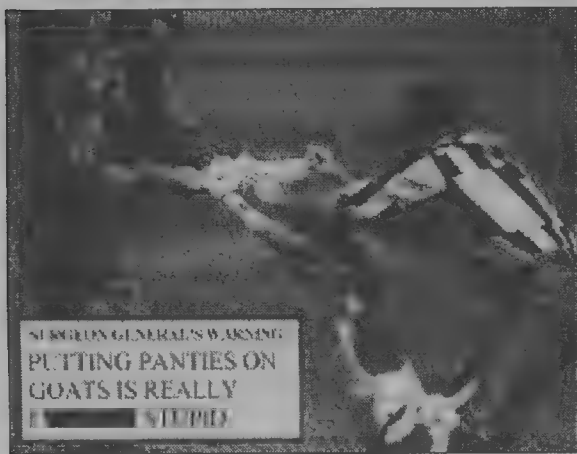
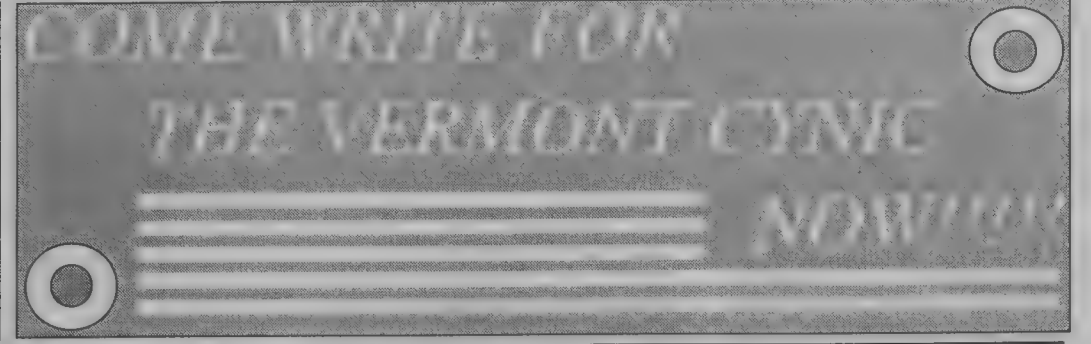
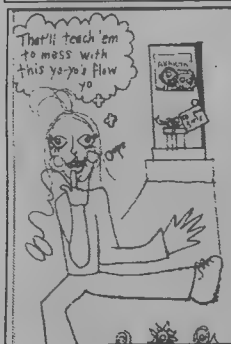
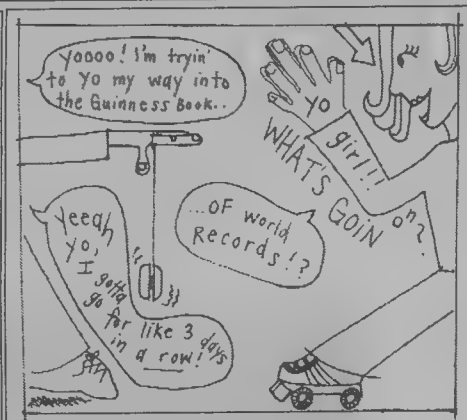
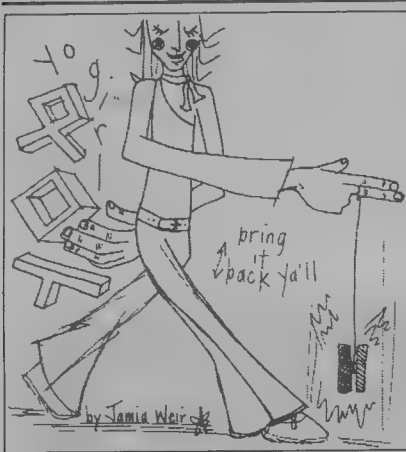
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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March 21 - April 19

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Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You're forearms are pathetic.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21

I dislike your choice in partners. Oh yeah, I guess you are my girlfriend.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Good luck trying to do "that" this week. Good luck indeed! Ha ha ha!!

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Rizzle to my nizzle, shizzle by the manizzle! Frizzle spizzle!

Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 23

Can I fragile your rock?

Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Nice package! It's huge! Oh my god! How long have you been working for UPS? You don't?

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

You like Wilco? I do to and there's nothing wrong with that. By "wrong" I mean right.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 24

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You're not *hip* because you're from Wisconsin.

You're not *groovy* because you're from Wisconsin.

You're not *incredible* because you're from Wisconsin.

You're not *legit* because you're from Wisconsin.

You're not *cool* because you're from Duxbury.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You put the Cinder in the Kit. You put the dog in the house. You make anything printed awful. That's correct Cinder-Kit, that's correct.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

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Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

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DREAM spaghetti dinner - courtesy of Aaron Gaines

Club *Highlight*:

DREAMing Big at UVM

By Aaron Gaines
Cynic Correspondent

One year ago, a small group of students came together to create UVM DREAM, a mentoring program for local children living in low-income housing communities. Their goals were ambitious but simple - to work together, along with members of the community, to give the children access to new opportunities, resources, and experiences. In just one year, DREAM - which stands for Directing through Recreation, Education, Adventure, and Mentoring - has established itself as a unique and exciting member of the UVM and Burlington communities.

Today, 40 hardworking mentors and 35 wonderful children comprise UVM DREAM. The children all live in the same housing development in Winooski, which means that DREAM mentors get to know all of the children and their families. The mentors work together to run every aspect of DREAM, and communicate with schools, parents, and advisors to make the program stronger. DREAM aims to create stable, long-lasting friendships between each child and their mentor.

On Fridays, the entire group gets together on campus to share fun activities and one-on-one time with their partners. In addition to the Friday meetings, children and mentors have created many exciting activities. This winter, DREAM participated in Burton's learn-to-snowboard program, Chill. This summer, a group of children and mentors will spend two weeks exploring the Pacific Northwest - a trip that they imagined, fundraised for, and made a reality all by themselves!

DREAM fundraisers, such as

last fall's Chili Cook Off, and last month's De La Soul concert, have helped build a sense of community on campus. DREAM also has a Homework Helpers program for the kids, a summer internship for mentors, and holds several special events for the kids each month. A UVM senior, Katherine Meyer, devoted her thesis to developing evaluation measures for DREAM. In the future, DREAM will continue to be an active and member of the UVM community.

You might be wondering, "How can I help DREAM?" It's easy! - come to DREAM's Spring Thing, on April 25th from 4-8pm at Redstone's CWP Green. It will be a fun afternoon of live music from The Grift and The Flo, a big barbeque, and fun games to play with our kids. You can support

the summer trip by coming to a Pancake Brunch

at Alpha Chi Omega from 10-1 on Saturday, April

26th (come before Springfest!). DREAM

recruits new mentors at the beginning of each

semester. DREAM also

enjoys partnering with

clubs, Greek houses, and other community groups to create fun

experiences for the kids.

To request information about DREAM or any of its activities, please contact Stephanie Gergely at sgergely@uvm.edu.

SGA Swears in New Leadership

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"The new senators bring to the body new issues and ideas, as well as a new spirit and chemistry." Said Brown, "Together, the new and the old senators, along with the 5 first year senators who will be added in the fall, should provide UVM students a strong representative voice on campus and in the local community."

This past year's SGA was an amazing experience. The debates were intense, and many issues were discussed and resolutions passed." Said Tanya Tersillo member of the Student Activities

Committee, "I look forward to the upcoming year in SGA. We all show great potential and as the SGA gains respect we will continue to be able to accomplish many things. We have great leadership and an awesome group of motivated students representing the student body."

"As for the new Senate, I am excited to see what we will accomplish in the upcoming academic year." Said Allison Perry, member of the Committee on Legislative Action, "I'm sure Senate will continue to do great things."

"Dave [Laman] and I are

very excited about this year and we believe that senate is well equipped to tackle its agenda. A couple of things that we will be working on this year on Senate are working with the police to create a better relationship between the police and the students, student access to the course evaluations, creating an 'alcohol amnesty' program that could potentially increase overall student safety, and bringing a voting station to campus for city elections. Also, we plan on reaching out to student groups so that we hear any concerns or problems that students have."

SGA Passes Resolution Supporting Implementation of H. 137

WHEREAS the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont is deeply concerned with the health and wellbeing of the Students it is elected to represent as well as the other citizens of Vermont, WHEREAS students and citizens work in industries directly related to Title 18, Chapter 37 of the Vermont Statutes,

WHEREAS students are in direct harms way in their respective places of employment and must be protected from the harms of second-hand smoke,

WHEREAS being a employed as wait staff is the most hazardous occupation for women, compared to the female workers, wait staff employees are four times more likely to die from lung cancer,

WHEREAS the effects of second-hand smoke are now well-documented resulting in deaths and decreased health quality for non- smokers,

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the State of Vermont to protect its residents from dangers especially those that may result in death,

WHEREAS the implementation of such laws have come into effect in other states and cities across the country resulting in no economic decline and in many incidences creating a boost of economic activity and profit,

WHEREAS a study published in the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, reported that hotels and restaurants in New York City experienced measures on taxable sales revenue after the 1995 Smoke Free Air Act took effect. Furthermore, the sales at eating and drinking establishments in New York City went up as a percentage of both total sales in the city and total restaurant sales from New York State after the law was implemented,

WHEREAS Thirty-two members of the House of Representatives including Donald Bostic, Johannah Leddy Donovan, Tony Klein, Ann Pugh, and our own Representatives, Bob Kiss and Dave Zuckerman, have sponsored and support H. 173,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Organization of the University of Vermont wholeheartedly applauds the efforts of elected Representatives who are concerned with the health of their constituents, the SGA understands H. 173 and supports its implementation as amended law under Title 18, Chapter 37 in the Vermont Statutes.

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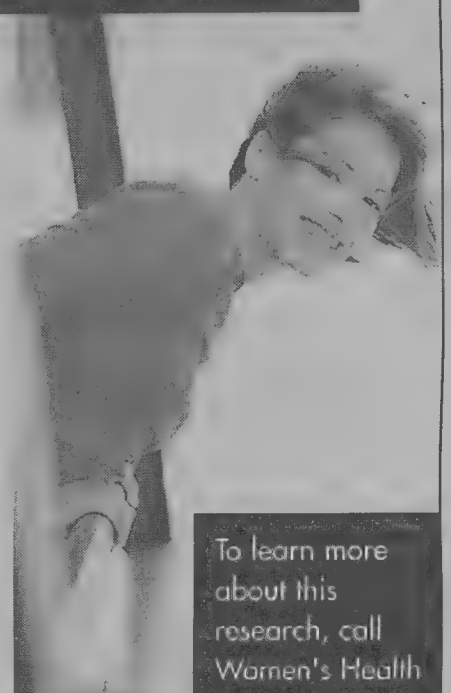
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STUDENT LIFE CALENDAR

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Springfest: The Roots and Blackalicious
April 26th Baile-Howe Green (Rainsite: Patrick Gym) 12 (noon), \$15 UVM students, \$25 non-UVM students sponsored by SA Concerts: get your tickets at the Candy Counter in Billings

Charity Date Auction

Bid on a date to raise money for a local charity!

Thurs. April 24

Billings North Lounge 8-10pm

Easy & Practical Guide to Meditation-

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Martin Luther King Lounge, Billings

Wed. April 23rd noon to 1pm

Join Coach Lea Belair, Change Agent and professional life coach, to find out how easy meditation can be and the real and practical benefits that you can start experiencing right away. Meditation can change your life, starting now.

Lecture: Speaking Truth to Power:

Peace and Justice Activists in

Chittenden County

Sun. April 26th 1:30 - 3:30

Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building

Slides and excerpts from videotaped interviews by David Conrad and Ed

Everts with twelve remarkable activists,

followed by discussion of this

research project. Information: Center for World Education, 656-1428.

DREAM SPRING THING

Friday, April 25th Redstone Green 4-8 PM

Games, Music, Food!

Featuring music by The Grift and The Flo

DREAM High Adventure Pancake Brunch

Saturday, April 26th, 10-1 pm At Alpha Chi Omega on 384 Main St.

Tickets are \$5

Proceeds to help send the kids on a two week summer trip to the northwest!

Catholic Center

Student Bible Study Tues. at 9pm

The Rosary - Sun. after 7pm Mass

- weekly Mass schedule:

Sat., 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm, and

7pm Weekdays at 12:15 Wed night at 9pm

Christ Church Presbyterian

Informal worship followed by bagels, fellowship Sun. 9:30 a.m

NIGHTTIME EVENTS**Explorations in Film & Cinema End of the Year Film Showcase**

Living/Learning 315 Commons

Fri. April 25th 6 pm

This event is the culmination of two semesters of hard work from EFC. We will present all the short films our program members have created during the 2002-2003 school year. Refreshments will be served and the filmmakers will be available for questions after the films!

Songs for a Suffering World

Music Recital Hall, Redstone

wed. April 23rd 7:30 PM

Songs For A Suffering World: A Prayer

For Peace, A Protest Against War, by

David Budbill, poet, with world-renown

bassist and multi-instrumentalist, William

Parker, and international drumming sensa-

tion, Hamid Drake.

Open Mic Night

Rhythm & Brews Coffee House:

Thursday April 10th

L/L FPL 8 - 10 PM

3rd Annual L/L Condom Casino

7:00 PM Tues. April 22nd

L/L Fireplace Lounge

It's Condom Casino Time! FREE condoms from Durex, Mocktails served by L/L RAs, and snacks! Raffles with fun (sex themed) prizes will also be included!

Play: A Festival of One-Acts

Friday and Saturday 7 - 10 PM

Royall Tyler Theatre

The UVM Theatre presents this annual favorite, a final farewell from the Class of 2003 filled with fun. Tickets \$4.

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Concert: The Weilerstein Piano Trio

UVM Recital Hall, Music Building, Redstone Campus

Sat. April 26th 7:30 - 10:00 PM

Tickets: \$20/\$5 students with ID at door.

Information: Lane Series,

<http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries>

CLUB EVENTS**Table Tennis Club**

Wed. and Fri. @ 7 p.m. at the Harris - Millis Lobby

Climbing Club

Climbing Wall at the Patrick Gym open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs

Salle Catamount Fencing Club

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm

Marsh Dinning Hall

Kayak Club

Pool sessions in Gutterson from 8-9:30

Friday nights

ANNOUNCEMENTS**APRIL IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!**

- FINDING OUR VOICE: A Conference for survivors of sexual violence, Saturday, April 26th, Vermont College, Montpelier, 9:30am-4:30pm. A \$10 fee includes lunch and all costs; scholarships, transportation and childcare are available. Contact VT Network to register 802-223-2302, TTY 223-2115, fax 223-6943.

- THURSDAYS IN BLACK Every Thursday in April Wearing black on Thursdays indicates that you are tired of putting up with rape and violence in your community.

GAYpril

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A Second Club *Highlight?! UVM Crew!*

By Nathan McBryan
CYNIC CORRESPONDENT

So you've spent the winter cheering at all of the hockey games and the basketball games, which by the way, congratulations to the men's basketball team for having such a tremendous season. While the winter teams were busy competing, the UVM Crew Team was busy training and preparing for the upcoming season. Ever since spring break, the crew team has been out on the Lamoille River in Milton practicing and watching the sun come up from the water each morning.

Now it is spring, and the race season is finally here after a long, cold winter. No one wants to be stuck in their dorm rooms and spend time inside now that the weather is finally getting nice. If you are looking to get away from UVM for the weekend and you want to spend a little time outside watching something that you have probably never seen or experienced before, then you should gather some friends and come cheer on the UVM Crew Team. So maybe Philadelphia is a little out of your way, but Massachusetts really isn't that bad of a drive and everyone likes to go on a road trip every now and then, right? It is guaranteed that if for some reason you would travel that far to see a regatta, you wouldn't be disappointed.

The number of schools and the amount of people that come to each regatta to compete or to cheer on their team is extremely overwhelming. The upcoming races for the spring season are listed and should prove to be very successful for the UVM Crew Team. So make an effort to experience something new, see what the crew team is all about, and maybe even get a chance to work on your sun tan a little.

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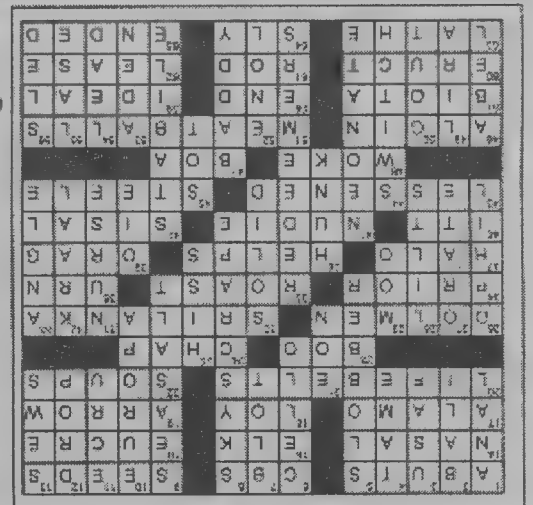
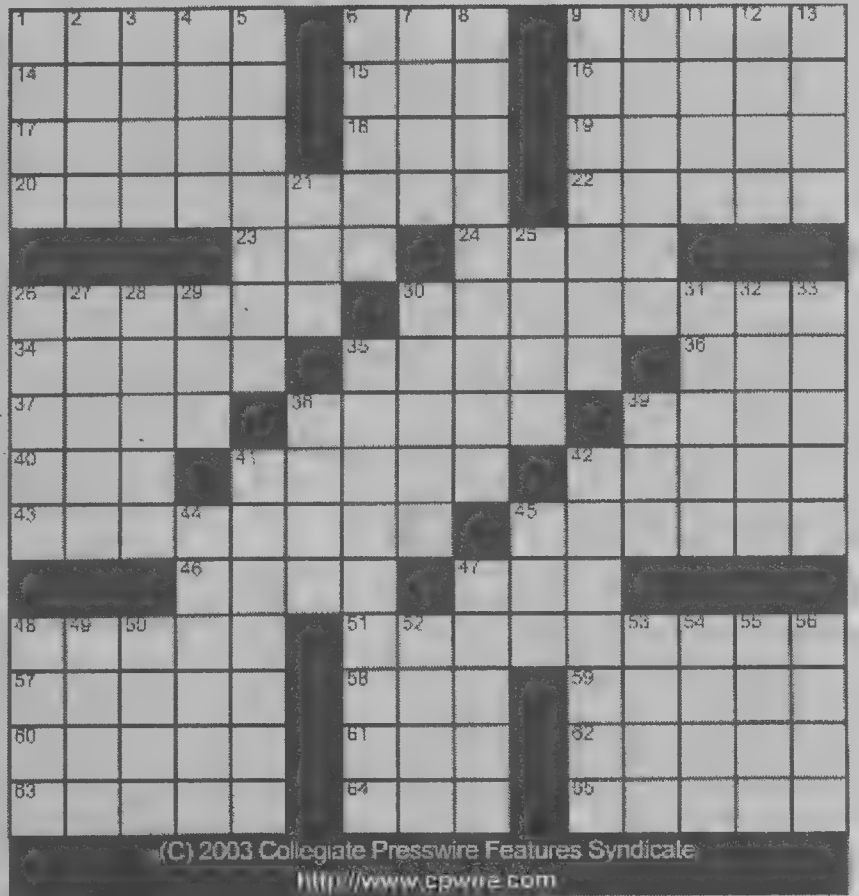
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17. Remember the
18. Old movie star Myrna
19. What one is straight as
20. A preserver
22. Campbell's products
23. An expression of contempt
24. Redden the skin
26. Sleeve type
30. Republic on island of Ceylon
34. Before
35. Bird perch
36. Decorative vase
37. Aura
38. Renders assistance
39. Pull along
40. Hotel parent company
41. Burlesque show
42. Plant fiber used to make rope
43. Abated
45. Remington
46. Got up
47. A constrictor
48. Kelp substance
51. Slang for clumsy people
57. Animals and plants of a region
58. Finish
59. Perfect
60. Belch
61. _____ and reel
62. Lend _____
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6. Large violin
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9. Produced as seawater evaporates
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11. Stocking color
12. Let fall
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39. You need two of these for craps
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- Dr. Schmynic

- Concerned in Coolidge

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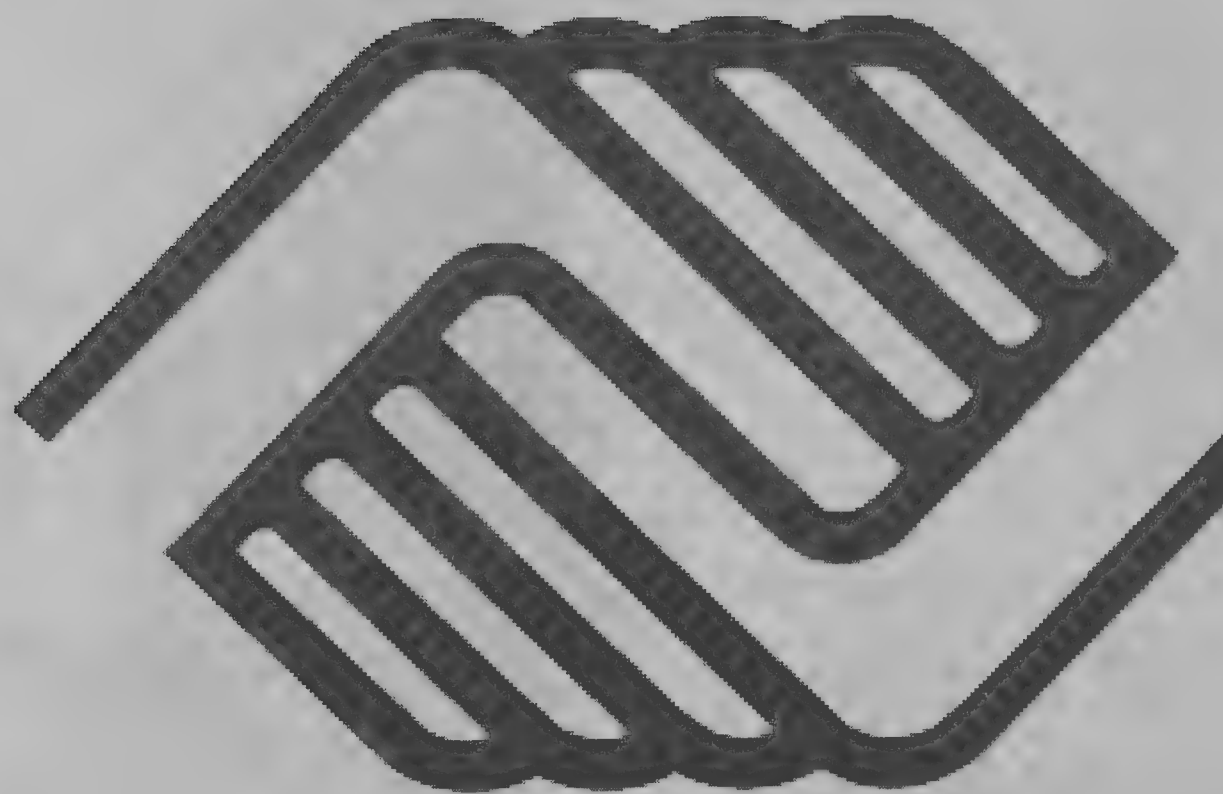
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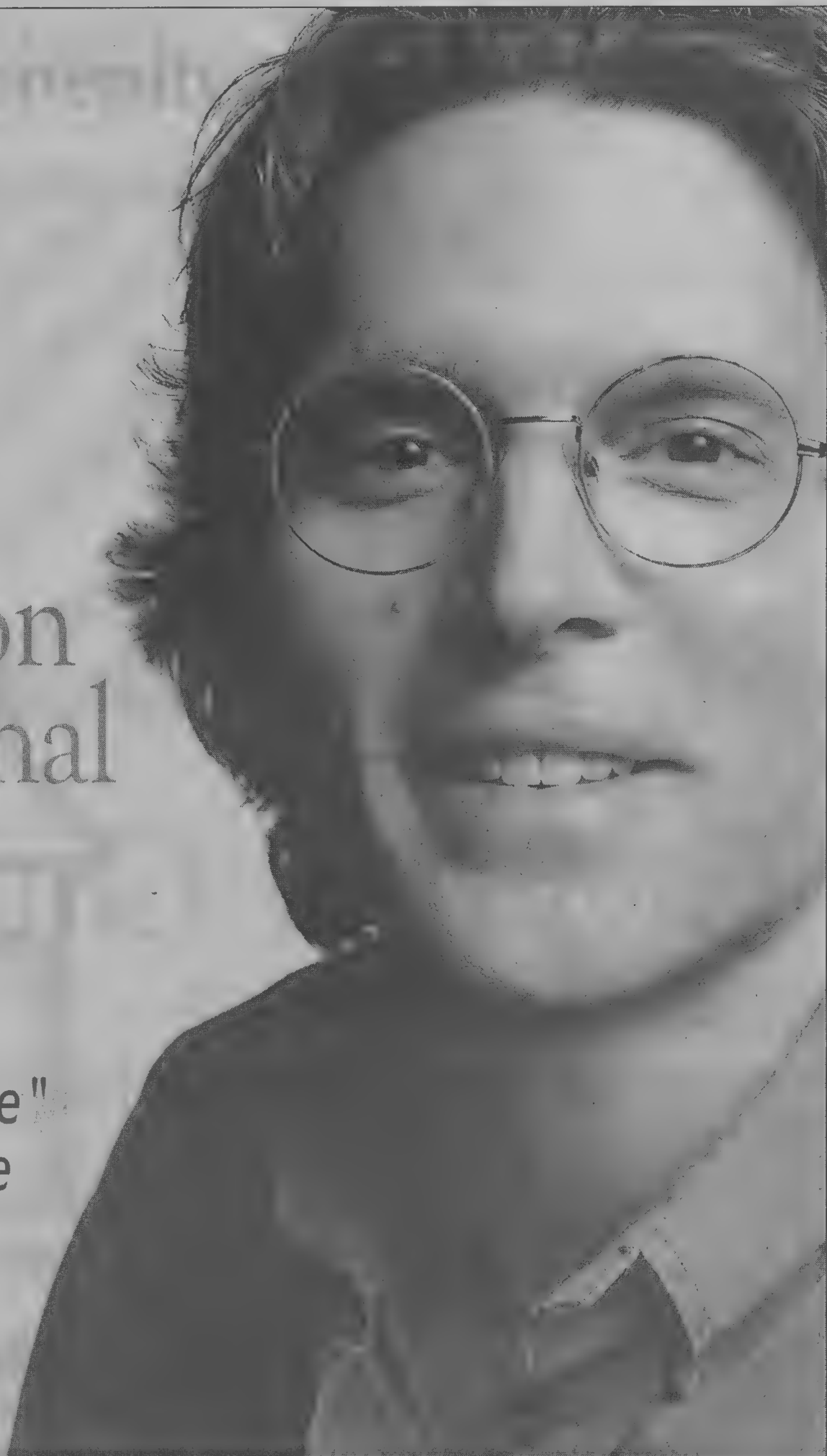


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Cox Nets Four for Women's LAX

Women's Lacrosse

Vanessa Cox (Newton, Mass.) scored four goals, giving her 33 for the season, but the University of Vermont women's lacrosse team was outscored 12-4 in the second half in a 15-9 non-league loss at LeMoyne Saturday.

The Catamounts, 3-7 overall, took a 5-3 lead at the half on the strength of three goals from Cox and single tallies from Sarah Booker and Holly Seifert.

LeMoyne, 7-4, tied the game in the first minute of the second half on goal from Megan Keddy and Amanda Daniels, and then saw Vermont retake the lead on a goal by Ali Aucoin. LeMoyne then ran off four straight goals and then

scored the final five goals of the game to post the 15-9 win.

Other goal-scorers for Vermont were Erin Hall and Sara Talbot. Cox and Caitlin Fitzpatrick also recorded assists for the Catamounts.

Daniels led LeMoyne with four goals, while Tara Walberger and Keddy had three each.

In goal, Vermont's Kate McBride recorded 19 saves, while Erica Henderson and Brandy Payne combined for eight for LeMoyne.

The Catamounts next play at home on Friday when they host Boston University at 4:00pm. They will conclude the regular season Sunday, April 27th with an 11:00am game against Stony Brook.

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Men's Tennis Ousts Siena 5-2 to Finish Off Regular Season

Men's Tennis

The UVM men's tennis team finished their regular season by defeating the Siena Saints, 5-2.

It was senior day for the co-captains Zeljko Knezevic and Jon Cooper. The two seniors have been a dynamic duo in the number one doubles spot this season. Knezevic and Cooper defeated Siena's Johan Michalisin and Ed Roessler, 8-5, finishing the regular season 8-13 together. Knezevic finishes 31-20 overall in singles play, and Cooper in singles action finishes his career 34-40.

Highlighting for Vermont were Eric Conway and Ethan Bernstein. The pair battled through

a marathon doubles match versus A.J. Eames and Eric Reuter of Siena. Conway and Bernstein won the match 9-7, to earn the Cats the doubles point. In singles, Tom Whittaker, Griffin Maloney, Cooper, and Conway, all contributed to Vermont's victory, by recording wins.

Vermont ends the regular season with a record of 14-12, going an impressive 12-2 at home. Against America East opponents, the Cats are 3-2. The Catamounts now head to the America East Championships to be played April, 25-27, in New Haven, Connecticut at the Connecticut Tennis Center on the campus of Yale University.

-SportsInfo

Kostiew Finshes First or Second in Four Events; Gringras Wins Two Events to lead Vermont to Second

Women's Track

Junior captain Tee Gingras won the 800 and 1,500 as the Catamounts finished second in a four-team women's outdoor track and field meet at Holy Cross Saturday.

Gingras won the 1,500-meters with a time of 4:40.87, beating the second-place finisher by more than five seconds. In the 800, she nipped Maine's Kristen Vidlak by less than a second, crossing the finish line in 2:16.17.

As a team, Vermont finished second with 177 points. Maine won the meet with 196 points, while Central Connecticut was third (107) and Holy Cross fourth (102).

Other highlights for Vermont included: Kristal Kostiew winning the hammer throw (181-6) and dis-

cus (145-6) while finishing second in the javelin (134-10) and shot put (42-3-1/2); Michele Palmer winning the 5,000-meters by more than 30 seconds (17:41.33); Sara Lovell winning the shot put (42-8-1/4) and finishing second in the hammer (157-1) and third in the discus (131-0); Anne Morrison, winning the pole vault (10-11-3/4); Cheryl Miller taking second in the discus (135-11); freshman Abby Marsh placing second in the 100 hurdles (1:07.99); and Alexandra Hill, second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:56.92).

A number of Vermont athletes will compete at the Penn Relays next week before the team heads down I-89 to participate in the Dartmouth Relays on Sunday, April 27th.

-SportsInfo

Men's LAX Loses Close One to Stony Brook

Men's Lacrosse

Stony Brook's Jason Cappadoro scored the game-winner early in the fourth quarter and added three assists as the Seawolves moved into a tie for third place in America East with a 6-4 men's lacrosse win over the Vermont Catamounts Saturday.

Vermont took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Doug Moses just 2:37 into the game. Stony Brook, 4-8 overall and 2-2 in America East play, answered with goals from Kevin Shea and Adam Marksberry and had a 2-1 lead at the half.

Vermont, 5-6 overall and 2-2

in league play, tied it at 2-2 on the first of two straight goals from Mark Prior. The game remained tied at 2-2 until the fourth quarter, when Shea scored his second of the game for the Seawolves from Cappadoro just 47 seconds into the final quarter. Prior then tied it at 3-3 with his second of the game unassisted with 13:49 left before Stony Brook reeled off three straight goals, with Sean Farrell, Cappadoro and George LaFlare scoring. Cappadoro was in on all three goals, assisting on the Farrell and LaFlare tallies.

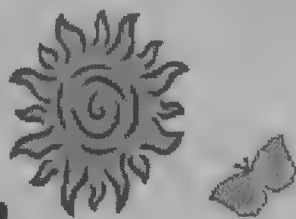
Vermont's Chris Legare scored with 52 seconds left to

make it 6-4, and the Seawolves held on from there for the victory.

Michael Gabel, second in the nation in save percentage and goals-against average, made 11 saves for the Catamounts, while Errol Wilson stopped 13 for Stony Brook.

Vermont plays its final game of the regular season next Saturday at home when it hosts Albany. The Catamounts are now tied for third in the conference. The top four teams advance to the America East playoffs, with the top two seeds hosting first-round games on Wednesday, April 30th.

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Catamount Sports



Jamie Merchant is now 4-0 this season and is among the best in the Nation with his ERA.



Catcher Nick Roberts (17) awaits the pitch in one of four VT matchups this weekend.



Sophomore Jason Carey drove in two runs during a 2-out rally in the weekend opener on Fri.

Cats Have Won Thirteen of Last Fourteen; Including Three Against Stony Brook

Men's Baseball

Jared Slater came within one out of a no-hitter in the nightcap and Barry Chamberland homered in both games as Vermont swept a pair from Siena, 11-1 and 4-0, in collegiate baseball at Centennial Field last Tuesday.

It was first two games of the season at Centennial Field for the Catamounts (15-4) who extended their winning streak to ten games. Vermont pitching allowed just one unearned run in the sweep to lower their team ERA to 2.41. The Cats' bats also came alive on the warm afternoon as they belted four homers in the two games.

Slater, in just his second start of the season, allowed just a first pitch line single to left field by Tony Cipolla with two outs in the seventh inning. In six and two-third innings he struck out seven, walked just three and retired 11 straight in one stretch. He also induced seven ground ball outs in improving to 2-1 this year. Brett Dobens came on with two on and recorded the last out for his second save of the season.

"It could have very easily

been a four-hitter but my defense really helped me out," commented Slater on the shutout, Vermont's third of the year.

Chamberland gave him all the offense he needed with a two-out homer to right field in the first. The Cats also scored three in the fourth with Bobby Tewksbary driving in one and Jeff Barry and Chamberland executing a double-steal to set up the other two. Also, Jason Carey went 3-for-3 in the nightcap.

In the opener, Vermont's 1-2-3 hitters, Barry (2-for-3), Tewksbary (3-for-4) and Chamberland (3-for-3, 4 RBI), combined to go 8-for-10 with nine runs scored and five RBI. Tewksbary had a pair of doubles and Chamberland hit a mammoth

homer into the soccer bleachers in the sixth. Leif Ekelund and Kyle Brault also went deep for Vermont and Jay Iannoni drove in two runs. For Ekelund, it was his first career HR while Brault, in his first collegiate game at Centennial Field, hit his team-high fifth, a

two-run shot in the fifth inning.

On the mound, Jeff Dixon scattered six hits, walked just one and struck out four in six innings to improve to 5-0 and lower his ERA to 0.79. Chris Blazek came on in the seventh and struck out the side.

Kevin Roberts had two of the six hits including a double for the Saints, who fall to 7-24 with the two losses.

In the two games, Chamberland went 5-for-5 with 5 RBI to lift his average to .414. Iannoni went 3-for-5 in his Centennial debut and now he is hitting .413.

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bills on Friday and Saturday as a pair of 11-game winning streaks were stopped in the same double-header as the teams split a pair.

Behind strong pitching by Jamie Merchant, Vermont won the opener, 6-2, while the Seawolves pounded out six extra-base hits in taking game two, 6-4.

Vermont came into the twin bill riding a 10-game winning streak while Stony Brook had won 11 in a row. It was the first conference action of the season for the Catamounts (16-5, 1-1 America East) who, in game one, handed Stony Brook (19-9, 9-1) their first loss in league play.

After allowing a pair of hits in the first, Merchant dominated through the middle innings retiring 17 of the next 19 Seawolves in cruising to his fourth win of the year with no defeats. He allowed six hits, walked just one and struck out seven while giving up the only two runs with two outs in the seventh.

Vermont broke out of the gate with two runs in the first inning of game two. Tewksbary and Chamberland walked with one scoring on Jay Iannoni's single and the other on a fielder's choice by Carey. After that, Seawolves freshman lefty David Wood set down 13 straight Catamounts while his team took the lead with four in the fourth.

Trailing 6-3 in the sixth, Iannoni reached on an error and Kyle Brault walked to start the frame. With two outs, Ekelund

doubled home Iannoni before reliever Matt Restivo (3rd save) came in to retire Derek Root to end the threat.

The Catamounts and Stony Brook then played another twin bill on Saturday. Derek Miller hurled a three-hitter in the opener and Barry Chamberland homered for the fourth time in six games as Vermont swept Stony Brook, 2-0 and 6-3, in America East baseball at Centennial Field on Saturday afternoon.

Winners of 13 of their last 14, Vermont, in their first conference action, won three of four from Seawolves (19-11, 9-3 America East) who came into the weekend unbeaten in league play. The Catamounts, at 18-5, are off to their best start in coach Bill Currier's 16 seasons at the helm.

Vermont next plays at Marist on Tuesday and hosts Plattsburgh State on Thursday in non-conference action. They return to America East play next weekend as Albany comes to Centennial Field for a four-game series.

-SportsInfo

Vermont Softball Takes a Very Hard Turn Against Hartford and Boston U.

Women's Softball

The University of Hartford softball team earned a pair of victories over Vermont, 8-3 and 5-0, to sweep Vermont and earn its first conference wins of the season on the first day of a two-day, four-game series between the two schools.

In game one, Hartford scored three runs in the second and added four more in the third inning for the 8-3 victory. Angie Totaro, the America East Pitcher of the Week, allowed eight runs on 11 hits for Vermont.

In game two, Hartford scored three runs in its first at bat and rode the arm of pitcher Jamie Graves. Graves tossed a one-hitter and struck out four batters with no walks to lead the Hawks to a 5-0 shutout win. Samantha Morrison went 2-for-3 at the plate, scored one run and drove in one RBI to lead Hartford at the plate. Totaro accounted for UVM's only hit of the game.

Then in the final day of the

four-game series, Hartford squeaked out an 8-7 victory in eight innings and earned a 2-0 shutout in the nightcap to take all four games from the Catamounts.

In game one (three of the series), Vermont plated four runs in the top of the third inning to take a 5-3 lead over Hartford. UVM scored all four runs with two outs, taking advantage of some timely miscues by Hartford and hits by Samantha Chase, Caitlin Quinn, and Kristy Winberg. The Hawks tied the score up at 5-5 with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Vermont's Megan Long answered with a two-run homer in the top of the sixth to give the Catamounts a 7-5 lead. It was Long's fourth homerun of the year, setting a new single-season Vermont record, snapping the old mark of three homers held by five different players that dated back to 1996. Long also ties the all-time homerun mark as increased her total to six for her career.

The Catamounts couldn't

hold the lead as the Hawks scored two runs in their final at bat to force extra innings. Hartford pitcher Caitlin Eichler retired the Vermont side in order in the top of the eighth. In the bottom of the eighth, freshman Samantha Morrison hit a two-out double to left field and advanced to third on a single by Mallory Rapoza. Morrison scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch by Vermont's Angie Totaro to end the game.

In the nightcap, Hartford scored one run in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings and pitcher Jamie Graves tossed a three-hitter to lead the Hawks to the 2-0 victory. Long, Winberg and Heidi Gebo accounted for Vermont's three hits in the game. Kara Massey went the distance on the mound for Vermont and registered five strikeouts.

The Catamounts moved to 5-15 overall and 3-9 in America East, while the Hartford stands at 5-14 overall and 4-5 in the league. UVM returned to action on

Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, taking on Boston University at Post Field.

The Boston University Terriers earned two shutout victories, 4-0 and 8-0 (6 inn.), to sweep Vermont in the first day of a four-game series between the two schools.

The Terriers scored four runs in the first three innings and rode out the game on the arm of 2002 America East Pitcher of the Year Julie Henneke. She tossed a complete game three-hitter and struck out 10 batters, while yielding just two walks.

Henneke and teammate Abbey Pauley registered two hits each to lead Boston University in game one. Angie Totaro registered seven strikeouts, but picked up the loss on the mound for Vermont.

In game two, BU held a 1-0 lead through three innings, but broke things open with a four-run fourth inning. Jenni Shields started the rally, reaching base on a Vermont error. With the bases

loaded, Josey Mendez's base hit drove in two runs. Two batters later, teammate Jamie Haas drove in two more runs to give the Terriers a 5-0 lead. BU added three more runs in the sixth to close out the game.

Haas finished the game with three hits and two RBI, while Mendez plated two runs, posted two hits and registered two RBI. Erin McDonald earned the shutout, scattering four hits and striking out five batters.

Vermont and BU closed out the four-game series Saturday with a doubleheader at noon. The Terriers earned two more shutout victories, 9-0 and 3-0, to sweep Vermont in the four-game series. BU improves to 19-16 overall and remains atop the America East softball standings with a 9-1 mark. Vermont falls to 5-19 overall and 3-13 in America East. The Catamounts return to action on Tuesday when they host Albany for a conference doubleheader at 2:00pm.

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SGA's Green-For-Gold Ambitions Fail To Pan Out

By KRISTIN DOBBS
Cynic Editor-in-Chief

During the week of April 12-18, the Student Government Association, in accordance with Dining Services, Student Life, Residential Life, and the Bookstore, put on the Green-for-Gold exchange.

The exchange had students exchange greenbacks for Sacagawea gold coins. The exchange happened all over the campus, and the purpose was to show the city of Burlington that students make a difference downtown by contributing to the local economy. According to Stephanie Bennett, former SGA COLA chair who was in

charge of the project, said that the school exchanged around \$2,500. "I do know that Marriot exchanged somewhere around \$1000, the SGA exchanged around \$1236, and from what I understand, a lot of students exchanged money downtown."

Even after all of the exchange of money, some were concerned that the exchange did not make a big difference.

City Councilor Ian Carleton

said he did not hear anything about the Green for Gold project. "I did not hear anything about it, or its impact downtown," said Carleton. "I heard about it during a College Democrats event on campus, but other than that, I heard nothing about it."

"There may have been a copy of a letter to the Council in our supplemental materials, but it never came up at a council meeting and nobody spoke to the council about it."

with the city of Burlington."

Bennett considered the operation only a mild success. "It's incredibly difficult to motivate a whole population of UVM students when advertising is so difficult on this campus," said Bennett. "For example, one day I put up tons of posters, literally two hours later when I went to my class, a good portion of them were completely covered up. However, I feel that the students who did get involved were really

psyched about the whole concept."

Carleton feels that the lack of response from the town has to do with a lack of communication.

"This points to a very important problem-communication between SGA and the City Government, or lack thereof,"

Timeline of Green-for-Gold Campaign

Goals: To have proper representation on the Burlington City Council.
To remove the bias on the council against students
To use really annoying gold coins.
To revitalize the Student Liaison Committee.

April 12-18th:

Green-for-Gold goes into full effect as students, having exchanged bills for coins on campus, spend these coins in Burlington

April 26th:

City Councilor, Ian Carleton speaks on behalf of the town when he states his own ignorance of the plan. Green-for-Gold recognized as a failure.



Despite the lack of buzz downtown, many in the SGA feel that the exchange was a success.

"I consider it a great success that we could rally students to take action on their own behalf, so that as a student body we made a greater statement," said SGA President Joe Thibeault. "There is a possibility of taking the same action again, and we will be working throughout the summer and year to form a better relation

said Carleton. "This is nobody's fault, but it has to improve."

"Projects such as Green for Gold are, by definition, symbolic. They are meant to send a message. In order to do so, they have to be noticed. That message could, and should, be conveyed to city government by means of the student/city liaison committee, or by having SGA representatives speak at council meetings on a regular basis."



Friday, April 25 on the Redstone Green, DREAM sponsored the Spring Thing. There was a barbeque as well as music played by several bands.

Pictured left is James Erikson, 2006, and a mentee playing a game of tug-o-war.

Kristen Rigney/ VC Photo Editor

Infamous "Tupper Incident" Police Officer To Ask For Job To Be Reinstated

By ALEXIS WISNIOWSKI
Cynic Staff Writer

The University of Vermont is upholding its decision to dismiss police officer, Matthew Sheehan. Sheehan was fired primarily for his involvement in the "Tupper incident" this fall, but also, according to University lawyers, for his overall performance and disciplinary record, which has been called into question.

As eyewitness and author remembers the incident: "I was merrily along my way across Main Street near Living and Learning one drizzly November afternoon when out of the blue I became an innocent bystander in what seemed like an episode of

Cops. Three police vehicles, heading west, sirens wailing, came to a screeching halt right in front of UVM's Parking and Transportation Services building. One officer jumped out of his car and proceeded to pull his gun on a passerby dressed in a black sweat-shirt in a manner that conjured up thoughts of NYPD Blue for this eyewitness."

The incident occurred on November 6, 2003, when UVM Police Services were on the lookout for a suspect described as a "Dark-skinned black male, 6' to 6'2" tall, 18-22 years of age, with a slender to average build

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Perspective

Soap For Breakfast Green-For-Gold Campaign

By ROBERT WALKER
Cynic News Editor

Henry is big. And his name is not Henry—it's Brad—but he is the cook at Henry's Diner downtown. Henry's is a small dive off of Church Street in the heart of Burlington: our fair city. The diner is green and even though it looks small on the outside, it's really tiny inside.

This past Saturday Kalitus and Brianos—friends from the University of Vermont—boarded their Suburban and rumbled downtown for some real eggs from chickens, and homefries, instead of school fries.

There was a line out the door but they were seated at the counter within minutes and soon poring over a menu of delectable nourishment.

The kitchen is to be heard and seen throughout the entire meal. There are big glassless windows punched in the walls behind the small runway that allows servers to travel back and forth from cus-

tomers to coffee maker, and toaster to patron.

These walls would otherwise separate the eaters from the preparers, but Brad does not seem to want to be removed from the patronage.

Brad wears a loud pair of pajama pants that would seem out-of-place on the gruff fellow, except that he is gruff enough not to care. The jammies suit him well. And perhaps that is why he wears them.

Very soon after sitting down, Kalitus and Brianos were made aware of a spat in the kitchen between a waitress who had left work early, and the rest of the staff which was left to fend for the diner.

The two friends would not have heard this but for their being seated, practically, in the kitchen, which they would come to enjoy greatly on account of the to-be-told saga about the missing waitress.

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If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say...

I must admit something:

Throughout last year I came to consider most of my peers to be fools and idiots, and this academic year, my sophomore year, has only reinforced that belief.

There are only so many times you can hear someone tell you how hard their life has become with exams, papers, boyfriends/girlfriends, etc., before you completely disregard whatever it is they are talking about.

Most of their complaining is baseless. It would not be unfair to assume that they are only taking four classes; their paper is only five pages long, their exam is a take-home, and their damn lucky to have a boyfriend/girlfriend and they obviously don't realize it.

Their idiocy knows no bounds. Let me illustrate this statement with an example: I know a girl, let's call her Girl X. Girl X doesn't do much of anything. She isn't involved in any organizations, sports teams, or anything that doesn't involve watching *Friends* on a regular basis. Her happiest days are those when ABC (or NBC?) shows the newest episode of *The Bachelor*.

This is by far the highlight of her week. Once this week's *Bachelor* has run its course to completion, she lays on her bed and begins to complain very loudly about the "stress" in her life. It's incredible.

I am unfortunate enough to live within earshot of her weekly griping and it's always the same.

First work, then boys, then some vague reference to how hungry she has been on that night.

Occasionally she drinks and becomes unbearably loud; this often happens on a

Monday or Tuesday night.

There is no deviation in her routine. This is the basic behavior of an idiot. They identify the problems in their life and then do nothing to change these perceived problems.

The only real problem with Girl X is the reality she represents: Girl X is the rule at UVM not the exception.

Her lifestyle is one that should be condemned, but far too many of us are too willing to condone her lifestyle.

I can't begin to tell you how Girl X has negatively impacted my own life.

She is a constant reminder of what I hate about college.

I hate the way everyone is long on talk and short on action.

I hate the way Girl X never strives for anything beyond her routine.

I hate the way most college students so perfectly fall into a routine that comes to dictate the rest of their lives.

I hate the way Girl X believes her problems, really are problems.

So instead of emulating Girl X's lifestyle, I would urge all of you reading this to take charge of your own lives and understand exactly what you have.

What you have is an unprecedented time in history. We really can do most things you set your mind to and I would go so far as to say that if you are reading this, you need nothing more than an idea and a desire to accomplish any kind of goal you may have in mind.

Watching *Friends* and patterning your life around Girl X's life will only serve to perpetuate the idiocy in Vermont and the world. You're welcome.

To the Editor:

My RA has gone from being the best one imaginable to someone who put my name in a police record negatively, got someone removed off the floor and one who no longer deals with issues. (S)he just simply tells us we are threatening her/him and backs away from any conversation.

First of all, at the beginning of the year, things were great. I honestly thought (s)he was the best. (S)he stated the rules clearly and I followed them. If I did not favor a rule, I felt more than welcome to see or contact her/him whenever desirable. (S)he even showed me a picture of this kid who wanted to get her/him fired last year and I laughed and made fun of him. I even said, joking around, that I should find him and kick his butt. OBVIOUSLY I WAS NOT GOING TO DO THAT-JUST SO YOU KNOW. (S)he would even walk around on the floor for a door open policy and give us candy if we had our door open. If you know me at all, you know I loved that.

As the year progressed, my floor, including myself, attended hockey games together, which was very enjoyable. I loved them until something happened. The floor started to separate and it was at the fault of the RA. (S)he became good friends with a resident. I'm not sure if I am supposed to say names, so I will not. Her/him and this resident used to go to games early and save seats for everyone until they stopped for some reason. This did not make me feel very welcome, but I got over it. It was not that big of a deal.

The year progressed some more and (s)he apparently felt very open with us. At one point, (s)he very specifically described and detailed to me and at least one other person in my room, a hockey player, how (s)he and other girls had sex. This I thought was very sick and disgusting. I did laugh at first, but wasn't able to sleep very comfortably that night. I would rather not go into detail. I would just describe it as her/him pleasuring a girl. As defined by several other RA's, this could be defined as sexual harassment.

Soon after, (s)he got herself/himself a significant other and was no longer to

be found. The two or three times I did knock on her/his door, even when it said (s)he was not there, (s)he answered several minutes later, presenting herself/himself very poorly with the significant other on the bed looking very similar. Mark my word-I SWEAR TO G-D, I do not lie. My RA then soon got power urges against me and other residents and after we wrote excellent critiques about her/him for the RA survey, our relationship went straight downhill. I no longer felt welcome to contact or see her/him and (s)he started to lie about different situations such as her/his meeting with other RAs and them saying stuff they did not. S(he) also told me I was aggressive and threatening, which was completely absurd. This is just one example of how (s)he blows situations out of proportion. (Throwing her/his hands up when (s)he is at least five feet away from me and saying "I feel threatened, I am going to take a step back"). NO ONE HAS EVER TOLD ME THAT.

Currently, one-fourth of the residents either don't really know her/him or don't even see her/him, one-fourth are friends with her/him, one-fourth hate her/him and one-fourth don't care cause they don't interact with her/him. YES, THERE ARE 4/4 represented here. I hope something gets done and I really hope the RA either improves as an RA or is not an RA. This is ridiculous and I hope this school that is looking to gain a better reputation about itself takes some sort of action.

I am continuously being sent e-mails by complex coordinators telling me how great of an RA (s)he is, yet no one I talk to seems to think so. I was even threatened by one of the coordinators in an e-mail. If I was my RA, this complex coordinator would have police banging at his/her door. It is interesting how the people who interact with my RA think (s)he is horrible, yet the people for whom (s)he does all the paperwork and suck up to, love her/him.

For this reason among others, this school will be losing a scholar, gentleman, the #1 hockey fan and an alumnus kid. Thank You.

Joshua Kligler
Class of 2006

As & Fs

As

-To the end of the year. You couldn't come nearly fast enough, you sweet, sweet angel.

-To the teachers who hold finals and assign paper due dates early. Crunch time is sooner, but so is the hour of reprieve.

Fs

-To the crunch time. Yeah, sooner is better in terms of the split second upon which breathing can again resume its normal, easy flow, but even so, that brief heart attack is intense.

-To all-nighters. I'll pay for and want my next hallucinations, thank you.

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Degradation Is Not Funny

To the Editor:

I am responding to your article "UVM Ladies Have the Right to Bare Arms" and your follow up, "Hot Topic Up in Smoke."

Your comments about objectifying women, which you call "biological fact," are untrue and offensive to men and women alike. You degrade the emotional capabilities of men by claiming they "don't care about that." How belittling to sons, brothers, lovers, fathers and friends of women! You reduce men to non-thinking, sexual animals with no control over their behaviors at the sight of women in revealing clothes. This myth that women drive men to lose control of their sexual desires has been used to excuse rape for centuries - a crime you say is "possibly the worst thing one person can do to another." Sexual violence will impact the lives of one in four of women, and by some estimations, almost 140 UVM women this year. When you leer at a woman, Julian, you leer at someone's loved one- someone to be valued as a person, not a "peacock" displaying for your amusement.

I argue that rape cannot exist without the objectification in which you openly engage. I imagine you would agree rape is a dehumanizing act. Merriam-

Webster defines "dehumanize" as "to deprive of human qualities, personality or spirit." To deprive a woman of human qualities is to objectify her. Your classmates hardly make a great leap to claim your article contributes to a culture that excuses rape and blames the victim. This connection isn't degrading to the crime of rape, it gives credit to the impact of rape and the work we must do to end it.

It is particularly disappointing you wrote this article during Sexual Violence Awareness Month. I encourage you, the Cynic staff, students, staff and faculty, to consider what you can do to create an environment at UVM where degradation of women or any community is not tolerated.

I would love to talk further with you about this and perhaps demonstrate that most people who are offended by your words still respect your right to them. Contrary to your belief, we also appreciate good humor, though please excuse us for not finding the dehumanization of women amusing!

Anne Smith
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Dude, This Guy's A Chump!

After having people express their indignation at my admittedly callous last two newspaper articles, I have found something to get excited about! Some a**hole named Sean Bliss has started a website entitled, "UVM's number one hippie hater," filled with all sorts of hate and bad spelling.

Me and some of my friends, or as Sean calls them, "dread-lock infested f**k's," were just chillin' when we came across this website. Apparently, Sean hates all of us "longhairs" so much, that he's devoted a good portion of his time to writing things like, "I sit on the top of the green wishing I had a sniper rifle to pick each and every dirty son of a bitch hippie off."

So, as he listed his email (sbliss@uvm.zoo.edu), we were able to find out this kid's number on campus, and then, even his cell phone number (it was on his answering machine)! From there, we started calling him. It was great! He started threatening us and talking all sorts of trash about how he was going to "get us," or something. I left a message on his answering machine, and some other "tree hugging bitches" called his cell phone. One of my female friends called, pretending to have met him downtown last week. He knew it was phony because, "I never go downtown": C'mon, Sean, not even to the frat houses? I guess masturbating and writing drivel take up most of your time. I understand.

Even better, as I went to his website today to get some fun tidbits of "hippie hate," I found that he had written his page on us this week. Yay! Imagine, little old me, being written about by the great hippie hater. Wow. I've really made it.

He says he was surprised that we could get his number, because, after all, we are all "pussy ass hippies," but "there clever, these hippies." True. And we know when to use their, they're or there in a sentence. Sean has not figured that out yet, it seems.

All throughout his site, which includes fun little journal entries regarding his having seen hippies around UVM campus (surprise, surprise), Sean seems to have risen to such a height of wisdom and excellence, that he no longer needs to live by common grammatical rules anymore. He has completely sworn off commas (wise move), and likes to spell things in creative ways, like "I mean common," or capitalizing words in the middle of a sentence instead of right at the beginning like all of us conformists. A true visionary.

He has since taken off his email from the site (a little too late, I think), but he did welcome any attention I wanted to give him. "Your helping me out by spreading the word." Yeah, and what word is that? Moron. You cannot get most people on your side if you don't present a good argument, Sean. I say

most because you and your friends (the "shock and awe all-stars," as he calls them) are probably swayed by shiny things and bright colors. But not most of us, dude; you aren't the norm.

This kid spends a lot of time looking at "hippies" with absolute disdain, because they are always "sitting around with acoustic guitars singing about peace and love." Good call, Dude, let's hate people for believing in something. All Sean seems to believe in is disliking other people for not shopping at J. Crew and listening to Godsmack. What a tool.

I have written decidedly rude things in the newspaper in the past. But I've never gotten this ridiculous. Firstly, I would like to think that at least some of the stuff I write is funny. Sean, you should not quit your day job (you know, washing dishes). The only person who could find this crap in any way amusing would be the crack-addicted, or the pompous, lonely, frustrated little man who wrote it.

Secondly, I think there's a pretty serious line between saying you don't like something (like I don't like Sean's insistence on using homophobic terms I will not repeat in this article) and getting violent about it. When this kid starts writing about shooting people with a sniper rifle on the library green, the joke is pretty much over. I could start a web page where I threaten to kill people who look like you, Sean, but it just wouldn't be cool. I'd rather try my best to make you look like a complete a**hole.

And what easier way to do that than to talk more about his site. He claims to be 100% pro-war. At least he's consistent. Ignorance, and then a swift kick of more ignorance.

I think this kid has serious problems. All he talks about is violence, and how much he hates those who make a point of not being complete capitalist pigs. Sean, are you on any medication? Have you been to a therapist? Do you at least have a punching bag? Seriously, you need to get some aggression out, and I do not think writing is really the best medium for you to get into. Neither is college, I would imagine.

We're all supposed to be here to learn more about the world around us, and that's impossible when your ideas are so ignorant, shortsighted and closed-off. Sounds like the military is the place for you, Sean; go lift weights and talk about how much you hate gay people.

By the way, if anyone wants to check out Sean's little attempt to mask his soul, that of a little boy who wasn't picked for dodgeball because he always cries, check out <http://www.angelfire.com/vt2/hippiehater/>.

Julian Brizzi is a columnist and a member of the Class of 2005.

The Grand Finale

What a difference a year makes. As I sit here and write my final column as Editor-in-Chief of the Cynic, I think back to when I wrote my first column as Editor, a year ago.

I took out the old column, and remembered that I wrote about my experience as a first-year at UVM and my hopes for the campus community for this year. I challenged everyone to get directly involved, because it's the only way to experience the great aspects of the UVM.

As I found out this year, it's also the only way to truly experience some of the worst things about UVM at the same time.

For every great comment/email/phone call I got from people thanking me or complimenting me on the Cynic, I would get one saying that I was a horrible editor, I ran a horrible production and that it was a rag.

Unfortunately, those comments would not come from people from the greater Burlington area-but from staff in our own campus, people whose jobs are to help student groups, not insult them. It's been unfortunate that my tenure at the Cynic has been tainted by people whose "positive criticism" doesn't help, but only hurts.

I also have witnessed some of the most hard-working people on this campus, and they're not faculty or staff-but full-time students involved in a thousand activities, including our own organization. Those students are amazing examples of how to truly get everything out of a UVM education.

But at the same time, I witnessed some of the ugliness involved with being part of certain student organizations: nepotism, backstabbing and general ill-will towards other students trying to accomplish the same thing you are-making a difference at UVM.

Remember-just because you're in a position of power does not mean that you should choose your fraternity brother over some student who has worked harder and has more experience. Acts like that show the entire campus why they shouldn't get involved.

I used to think that students at UVM were lazy, and they weren't getting involved because they'd rather smoke pot all day and watch *Half Baked*. That's not the case at all at UVM, and that image has tainted our school's reputation across the region.

I believe that UVM students want to get involved and be active members of a community-or else, why would they have come to college in the first place?

I think there is a severe lack in communication on this campus, and that students would be more involved if they were given a true opportunity to become involved.

Not everyone who wants to get involved walks down to Billings looking for a group to join-the groups need to come out and get people to work for them, because they will be just as much of an asset to the group as anyone

else.

This is why I have enjoyed being Editor-in-Chief so much; because I want to, as much as possible, get information out to the larger student population about the things that affect them-what is going on at their own campus.

Like any other student leader, there were times when the negatives of the position-the long hours, the criticism, the damage to my grades, social life and health-seemed to outweigh the positives.

I thought that I would be excited to pass the baton on to our next Editor-in-Chief, Andrew Woods, as I pack my bags for jolly 'ol England for the next year.

But I find myself having a hard time writing this (a rarity, because, as many know, I always have something to say), because I know this is the end, and it's a bittersweet one.

Even though the times were rough and I sometimes wished to be the slacker that spent all day

watching soaps and relaxing, I know that the benefits of becoming so involved on campus will stay with me forever. I have learned many skills, made great friends (some of my best friends) and important connections on this campus that I could have no other way.

As the Editor-in-Chief before me said, "You know, there is only one Editor on this campus. This will be something you will tell people that you did for the rest of your life."

He's right, I will. I will tell them of all of the hard work I put in, all the tough times, but how in the end, it was well worth it.

As I end this chapter and begin a new one, I wish all of you the same chances to do great things in your college experience as well. Believe me, you'll regret it if you don't grab the prospect that is staring you right in the face.

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A Nation of Brothers and Sisters

If I were a level, all the other levels would point at me and talk about how, "That level isn't all there...she's a few bubbles short of plumb..."

Mommy levels would nod my way and in that one gesticulation, explain to baby levels about the "not the best, but still a good buy" furniture wave of '83.

And sheepishly, I would drag my defective rectangular prismic hulk, rendering shop class creations slightly imperfect throughout the land.

Even on my more homo sapien days, though, I am still really imbalanced.

I look to other people for advice on how to reach an even keel, but their ability to keep it all in check is blinding, really.

I am not the man behind the operation when everything lines up.

But I am the fox behind the trot when the scales tip further one way than the other.

Take Friday night's bowling, for example.

I never got, say, a six or seven or anything like that.

Instead, I materialized a medley of beautiful releases which produced strikes as well as premature discharges which sent the ball hurling backwards before second chances bore gutter balls and giggles.

But occasionally, my tendency to overdo some things and slight others comes in handy.

This paper, for one, is something that I put 100% into.

Its completion never falls by the wayside, regardless of my rotting with death plague, research papers or debt of submitted material.

Not to mention that I am happy in my journalistic travels, too, to be dealing with such a cohesive, hilarious and talented staff.

But I have to doubt that I would slack even if my coworkers and friends on the paper weren't so cool.

For whatever reason, I just always muscle my way through whichever duties, daunting or delightful, that the Cynic chucks at me.

Now enter my residence at Slade Hall, largely as a result of my dedication towards the Cynic. It actually pains me to write this portion of whatever I will amass when I run out of steam, because it concerns my lack of expression and, hell, attendance in my own house.

I was lucky and fortunate and f***** privileged enough to be accepted to live in Slade Hall, UVM's environmental coop and makeshift concert hall, but you would never know I feel this way.

Moreover, you would never even know that I live there if you hadn't heard from me that I do.

For I am never there.

As the unbalanced kid I am, my time management sucks so much that I rarely get to spend much time in the unique, wonderful, educational and downright fun place that is Slade Hall.

I have not gotten the most out of living at this uniquely warm, welcoming and soul-filled homestead as a result of inherent and uncontested inability to focus and churn out.

I take forever to contemplate, begin and accomplish every last thing I seek to do.

And so, there is nothing I do and no one I know that does not resultantly suffer.

However, there is nothing as much as Slade that I so ache at having arguably screwed over.

I almost regret accepting a place in the best home a UVM student can have because I think that someone else could have both contributed and taken away much more than I will.

And this makes me truly sad.

Of course, as awesome as Slade is, it and all its children have given to me of themselves endlessly.

Namely, they have taught me how not just to cook, but how actually to nourish people and hearts.

The Slade opportunity is completely separate from any other one could receive at UVM.

It instills into its folks lifeskills-honest-to-goodness, pure, helpful, practical, exemplary lifeskills.

Note here that many of us who live there, or who quasi-live there, as the case may be when one is as thoroughly unbalanced as I am, are vegetarians.

But prior to living in Slade, several of us were gorging on a very limited range of comestibles simply because we had little exposure to vegetarian cooking.

There is no way that those of us who knew as little as we did before moving into Slade were intaking the proper balance (skewedam I, yet again...) of vitamins and nutrients.

After residing in Slade for not even a month, though, everyone learned to cook at least two whole meals as well as countless sides and sauces that fortify

themselves and their loved ones.

These morsels are also as tasty as they are healthy.

Much more importantly, however, is the fact that each chef behind each dish is just as amazing as every masterpiece he/she perfects.

What a sense of family. I have never lived in such community before.

I have never gotten the feelings I do in Slade from my own blood relations, and they have no choice but to love me.

Every person in Slade is a loving, giving, complex, incredible individual.

Anyone who is blessed to coexist with a Slader past, present or future is someone whose life is enriched from hereon in.

No one but Sladers and their kin would be so willing still to call me Sister.

My Slade siblings, I thank you and I love you for all that you are and all that you do.

I cherish all the support and care you bestow upon me during the rough and tumble as well as the daily plight.

I respect every single one of you.

There is not one among you who does not make a celestial friend, lover, student, child, adult, guide, teacher, motivator, comedian, caretaker, contributor and human.

And there are no exceptions to who will make astral spouses, parents, aunts and uncles and sources of light and inspiration.

These, my family, are truths, and I have seen them all.

Indeed, I have missed out on much of what else has happened in our home throughout this year.

But there are a few delights I know I have experienced firsthand.

These delights, mi familia, are you.

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Women Not Objects

To the Editor:

I have been nothing short of appalled by the ignorant, hetero-sexist and objectifying critique that you offered in your article, "Right to Bare Arms."

We are all humans and are innately sexual beings, but you have taken it upon yourself to degrade men to being beastly predators, interested in only one thing.

The way in which you have objectified and hyper-sexualized women is also not acceptable.

You have admitted to not caring about objectifying women, but I do care and I think many others do also.

You have identified yourself as being the stranger on campus eyeing women from behind your dark glasses.

Being aroused by anorexic women on documentaries and see-

'We are all humans and are innately sexual beings, but you have taken it upon yourself to degrade men to being beastly predators, interested in only one thing.'

ing women solely as sexual objects is very dangerous.

These words are connected to our larger society, where women are told they can be raped for what they wear, where they walk and how they act.

Women are not here to solely serve the desires of men.

The next time you are aroused by a documentary on anorexia or feel the need to excessively gawk at women, remember your mother or sister-try to image them being objectified and disrespected in this manner.

*Hanna Jenkins
Class of 2005*

Dress to Impress

I would safely assume that there is no girl on this campus who has not dressed to impress. I know that I myself have been known to wear a slightly more revealing shirt in order to attract a certain someone's attention. So what is all the fuss about?

We all have the liberty to wear what we want. Some of us choose to wear t-shirts and jeans on a daily basis where others may choose to wear short skirts and tank tops, and we all have the right to do so.

But when wearing more revealing clothing, women knowingly set themselves up to be ogled at. Now, I'm sure there are some women who like to be looked at. I guess it can be taken as a compliment.

But most of us do not appreciate it when someone undresses us with his/her eyes. It is a cold-hearted reality that objectification does not necessarily have anything to do with the intent of the person putting on the clothes.

I don't understand why people are so upset that Julian pointed out the obvious. It was written in jest and you all need to lighten up.

About the girl having anorexia and thinking she is hot, why can't she be hot? Because she has an eating disorder? Can someone suffering from obesity not be found attractive? What if they have a giant goiter?

What I'm getting at here is that women have control over the extent to which they are objectified.

On that note, I plan on allowing myself to be objectified tomorrow. I will accomplish this by wearing a knee-length skirt and a t-shirt. Maybe, if I'm lucky, the cute boy in my NR2 class will notice me.

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Kalitus said of the gastronomical experience "it was like a soap opera. I loved every minute of it".

Eyewitnesses remember hearing of one of the assistant chefs, whom Brad is always razzing, complain about missing eggs. This call for eggs soon became a battle cry for those left behind the counter.

Brad was eager to re-supply his kitchen and aggravated that the waitress had not resolved the egg conflict prior to leaving. Even the cashier was seen complaining about the manner in which the missing waitress had departed and "how unfair it was that she just left". Her shift was scheduled to end at 2, but at 1:30 she was out of there.

A server, who may or may not have been the brother of Brad (the kitchen was too busy for interviews), was overheard saying, "she's gonna catch hell for this," in response to the premature departure.

Karmic repercussions of this incident were widespread. One such example was evident in a

booth into which seven young kids were trying to cram, though it was made for far fewer. A waitress, upon seeing their clown-car antics demanded that they, "Get out of the booth." Ben, a kid from the booth, said of the incident, "She was rather short with us but understandably so considering the stress she's under."

Near two o'clock the missing waitress' replacement came in and was heralded as a hero by all. The kitchen, briefly, was alive with shouts of welcome and gratitude at the newcomer. Though, soon, Brad was delivered his eggs whereupon he returned to the kitchen contented, and began harassing people again.

At the end of the meal Brianos paid for their meal with dollar bills, because that is how people living in Burlington pay for things in Burlington.

As she was leaving, Kalitus heard the patron on the stool next to her say, "I want to see what happens when the waitress gets back." Much of the restaurant had been as involved in this amusing incident as the pair had. Breakfast was delicious

Credit Card Companies Making Killing On Collegeians

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Some college graduates will receive their diplomas in May and immediately face paying off student loans. Other college students don't have to be graduates to face a debt that can have long-term consequences before and after graduation.

Credit cards are increasingly popular each semester with college students for their convenience, by eliminating having to carry or even have enough cash at the time of a purchase.

A recent study, conducted by Headline News, stated that the average American has as many as six credit cards in his or her possession.

Credit card companies target more college students every year, causing some students to be deep in debt before they graduate.

"I don't want to say that it is easier for students to obtain credit cards rather than older adults, but there are different requirements that pertain to students," said Larse Rosene, chief executive of Public Affairs at Student Visa in Harriman, N.Y.

"Within the marketing tech-

niques, when we visit college campuses, we already kind of know who we are dealing with -- which are the ages mostly between 18 and 24 -- who are more likely to be just starting out with fair credit or no credit at all." Some students consider credit cards a necessity, using them for many of the usual college expenses -- books, gas, food, clothes and tuition -- needs that are high on their priority lists.

"My parents have not sent me any money since last month, so I am just using my Capital One Visa for food," said Michael Walker, a senior social science major at Jackson State University.

"Now that I have graduated, I am still paying off those credit cards that I got when I started college," Cooper said. "I regret that I got myself in debt before I graduated."

Spending money, shopping, partying and having a great time is what some freshmen have on in mind when entering college. Anthony Robinson, a senior busi-

ness major at Jackson State, said somebody needs to tell the first-year freshmen about the consequences of credit cards.

"It is not extra spending money, but money for emergencies only that has to be paid back," Robinson said.

Some alumni reflect on their college days and when they believe they were lured in the credit card system, adding that they are still getting out of debt. Gary Carpenter, 52, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and general manager of Dixie Gas on Terry Road in Jackson, Miss., said credit cards send bad messages to students.

"It's funny how the law won't let beer companies advertise on college campuses because they say it sends a bad message to young people, but they allow credit cards to be advertised everywhere in school buildings, putting young students in debt even before they graduate," Carpenter said.



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Cynical Inquisition

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What is your favorite memory from this year?



"Having the police chase me through the Redstone Green three bases behind."

Brendon Porter, 2006



"The time my friend was lying on my bunk-bed with my one roommate and kicked my other roommates bed. She was in it and she and the bed fell on top of my friend and my roommate."

Angela Graziano, 2005



"My friend passed out and we completely covered his face with black marker and he fell down the stairs trying to get to the bathroom."

C.J. McCabe, 2005



"When I was auctioned off for charity at the date auction."

Amy

Poll Of Vermonters Finds That Most Are Aware Of University's Presence And Impact

A statewide poll conducted by the Center for Rural Studies shows that Vermont citizens have a consistently positive view of the University of Vermont across a variety of areas. A report on the poll is available at the Center for Rural Studies Website at crs.uvm.edu.

The poll asked respondents to rate UVM in areas ranging from the university's academic quality to the benefit it offers to citizens outside Chittenden County. In each of seven areas but one, more than 70 percent of respondents put UVM in the top two categories of the ranking scale.

For instance, 79.8 percent agreed or strongly agreed that the University of Vermont helps economic development and job growth in Vermont. 81.2 percent agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, "I would encourage a child or a close relative to attend the University of Vermont." 87.8 percent of respondents ranked the educational experience offered by UVM as good or excellent. 71.8 percent agreed or strongly agreed that UVM offers a good value for the educational experience it offers.

A geographical statement, "The University benefits areas outside Chittenden County," prompted 77.2 percent to agree or strongly agree, a finding that was not influenced by the region from which respondents came.

The one question where responses dipped below 70 percent for the top two categories of

response related to UVM's party school image, although answers still conveyed a favorable impression. 64.6 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that UVM is doing a good job of moving away from its old image as a party school.

"When given a chance to express their opinions, it appears that the vast majority of Vermonters have a positive

ion polls.

"The uniform nature of the results across demographic categories is further evidence that UVM has widespread favorability among Vermonters," said Kolodinsky. "There are no strong demographic pockets pulling the averages up and skewing the results."

There were two exceptions to this general rule: Fewer

Vermonters whose family income is less than \$20,000 agreed that UVM is a good value (71.9 percent) than those who make \$20,000 or more (82.6 percent). And more Vermonters with less than a Bachelors degree believe that UVM helps economic development and job growth (82.6 percent) than those who have a Bachelors degree or greater (75 percent).

The Vermonter Poll, of which the UVM research was a part, is conducted annually by the University of Vermont's Center for Rural Studies. Six-hundred-and-forty-one randomly selected telephone interviews were conducted between February 7 and March 5, 2003.

The margin of error is 4 percent.

Table 7: How favorably do you think the University of Vermont compares to state universities in other states?

	Frequency	Percent
Very favorably	107	18.7
Favorably	320	55.9
Neither favorably nor unfavorably	92	16.1
Unfavorably	50	8.7
Very unfavorably	3	0.5
Total	572	100.0

Table 8: What is your impression of the quality of the educational experience offered by the University of Vermont?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	148	26.0
Good	352	61.8
Fair	64	11.2
Poor	6	1.1
Total	570	100.0

Table 1: The University of Vermont Helps Economic Development and Job Growth in Vermont.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	94	15.2
Agree	399	64.6
Neither agree nor disagree	69	11.2
Disagree	51	8.3
Strongly disagree	5	0.8
Total	618	100.0

Source: Center for Rural Studies, University of Vermont, 2003 Vermonter Poll

impression of the University and its impact on the state," said Jane Kolodinsky, co-director of the Center for Rural Studies and chair of UVM's Department of Community Development and Applied Economics.

There were almost no statistically significant differences in answers when respondents were subcategorized by the demographic categories of sex, region, income, or education, or by whether or not they had children, a highly unusual result for opin-

Sheehan Files Papers to Have Job Reinstated

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A person matching the description was seen, and Sheehan, who was close to the "suspect", ultimately took action.

However, the person on whom the second police officer pulled a gun on and who was handcuffed brought to the ground was not the described black, but rather an African American female student of a much shorter stature, on her way to class. "It was a relatively brief encounter," said UVM spokesperson Enrique Corredera. "As soon as the officers realized they had the wrong person, they immediately released that person." Direct action was taken against the officer in question; he was placed on desk duty while President Fogel sent out a campus wide e-mail informing students and faculty of what happened as well as the investigation concerning racial profiling and the actions of the officer.

Since then, the officer has filed papers to have his job reinstated on the grounds that he was fired without just cause. His union, the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehousemen, and Helpers Union No. 597, said that it was only after she was handcuffed that it was made clear that the student was female.

It may be a long time yet before the public is made aware of the details of what will hopefully be the end to all this; it could be months before a date for the hearing is set and comes to pass.

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A Personal Story Regarding Criminal Harassment

By ANDREW WOODS
Cynic Arts Editor

Until last Thursday I considered political/organizational violence an aspect of the world far removed from my life. I lacked the first hand experience known to so much of the world. I have never had to contend with death threats from the F.L.Q., an established Quebec separatist group that came into prominence in 1970 after they began carrying out a series of political kidnappings and executions. I have never had to contend with the Tonton Macoutes of Duvalier's Haiti, a kind of secret police that held Haiti in a state of paralysis for most of the twentieth century. I have never experienced the political dynamics of pre-1994 South Africa, nor have I seen first hand the destruction inflicted upon the Chinese people by Mao's "Cultural Revolution". Let's not forget Pol Pot reign in Cambodia either. Here is what I have seen and experienced in a very real, very tactile, way:

I came back to my room on Thursday April 24th, at approximately 4 pm to find the area around my door littered with 5x8 photocopies with a small logo in the upper right hand corner proudly proclaiming the vandals affiliation: Cinder Kit. That's correct, UVM's latest poetry/short-story/news magazine. An organi-

"Upon entering my room I learned of a harassing phone call: my roommate cleared his throat, assumed a pre-6th grade inflection and repeated the message left by one of Cinder Kit's henchmen."

zation which I believed was inherently benign, nay, inherently constructive, nay, inherently professional. I needn't describe the shock I felt.

Details began to surfaces

about the perpetrators or "perps". There were at least two perps, one unidentified female accompanied by a male, witnesses identified as having, "...black hair, well under 5 feet 5 inches tall, thick black framed glasses, a really stupid shirt that would lead one to believe he's into punk, a disproportionately large nose, and pants that barely reached the tops of his ankles."

Upon entering my room I learned of a harassing phone call: my roommate cleared his throat, assumed a pre-6th grade inflection and repeated the message left by one of Cinder Kit's henchmen: "You tell Andrew

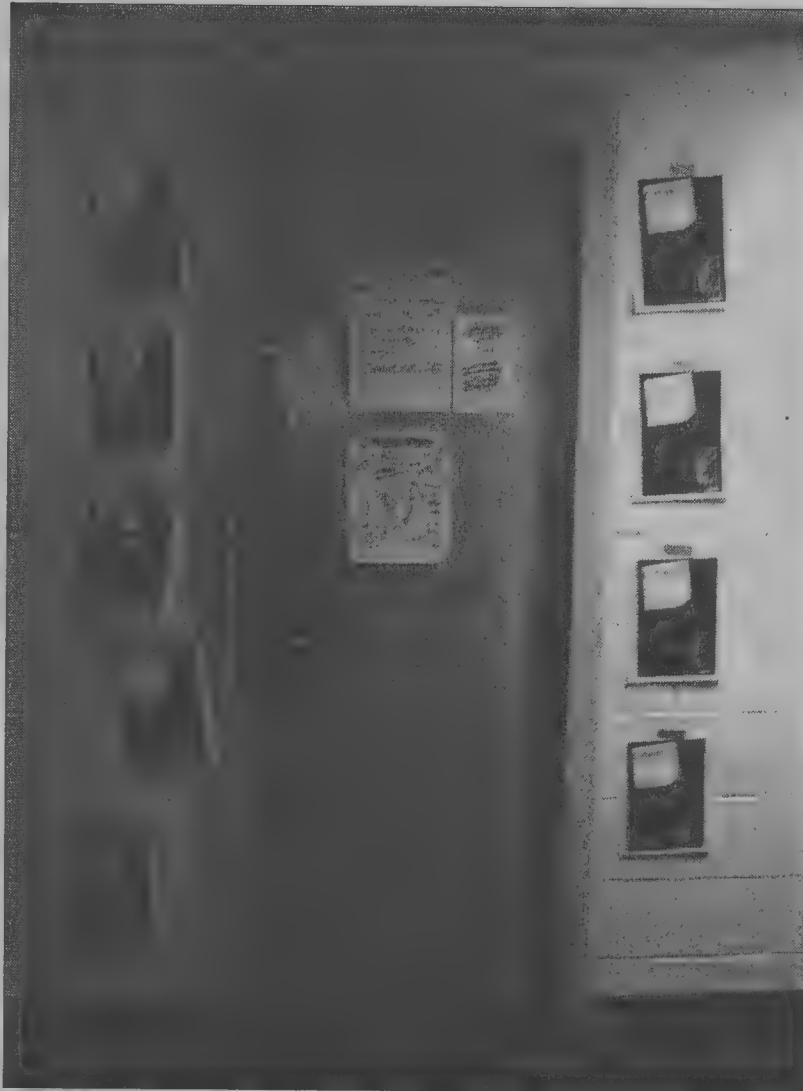
Woods he's been dipping his cup into the wrong pot of soup for too long and we're not going to take it anymore!" (click)"

Although I have yet to identify the engineer and author of this threat, I have little doubt that an alleged glasses wearing, large nose having, small shoe buying, brief wearing, poetry magazine starting, far shorter than 5 feet 5 inches tall punk enthusiast, is behind this particular act of terrorism.

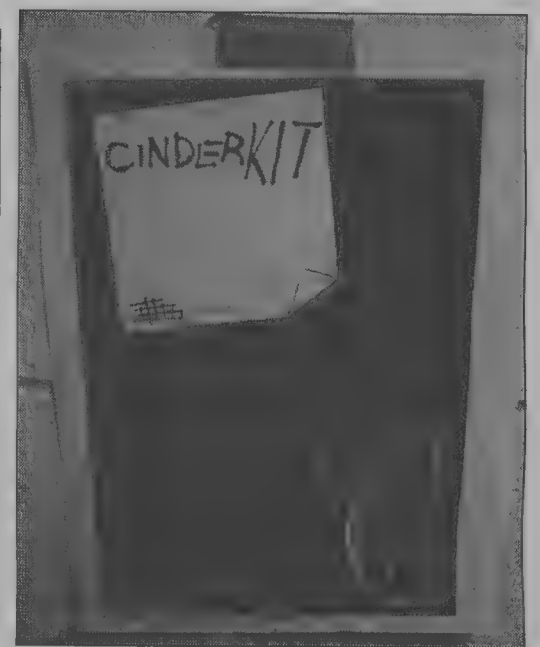
Although this act of terrorism was disgustingly ineffective, so ineffective I was left wondering if Cinder Kit had accomplished anything, it is disturbing.

What is one to think when a man roughly the height of a legally recognized midget (A person

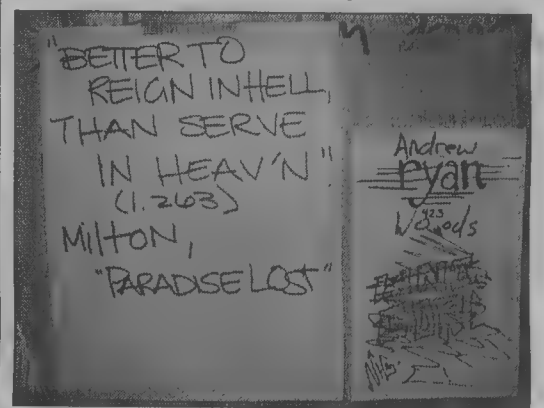
Cinder Kit? or Syndicate?



The Evidence: One door defiled (left) by Cinder Kit staff members. One photocopied Cinder Kit logo flipped over (bottom right), accompanied by a quote from Paradise Lost.



Photos by Andrew Schmidt



becomes a legally recognized midget below the height where such an affliction produces a noticeable handicap, and therefore assumes a tax exempt status and collects social security checks every week. I will, from here on out, refer to this nameless vandal as L.R.M. or Legally Recognized Midget) comes to their door and posts advertisements of their publication and a correctly cited quote from Milton's Paradise Lost?

What is one to do when a man roughly the height of a legally recognized midget comes to their door and posts advertisements of their publication and a correctly cited quote from Milton's Paradise Lost?

The first question lends itself toward deep meditation and spec-

ulation into the childhood of this L.R.M. It may even be the case

"You tell Andrew Woods he's been dipping his cup into the wrong pot of soup for too long and we're not going to take it anymore! (click)"

-Anonymous threat left by Cinder Kit

that one is unable to think beyond the incident, thereby negating this question.

The second question is easier to answer. Keep making fun of Cinder Kit until they really snap, in which case this article would be

evidence in any criminal trial that then followed or I could ask for an apology. So here it is: Cinder Kit, you owe me an apology and if I don't get that apology I intend to press full charges against your organization.

Obviously, I will also sue your organization for slander, seek a restraining order against all those persons associated with Cinder Kit, and seek an as yet unnamed dollar figure in small claims court for the mental anguish I've suffered from this event. I await your apology Cinder Kit.

An Interview with RAQ Guitarist Chris Michetti

By JOSHUA SKLARKIN
Cynic Correspondent

Coming off a huge nationwide February/ March tour, where RAQ saw themselves selling out venues such as Colorado's Fox Theater and Michigan's Blind Pig, they returned home to Burlington for an every Wednesday night residency at the legendary Nectars. In-between, they have been playing up and down the coast creating their new blend of a Zappa-mind-set-esque-jazz-rock. Most recently, RAQ played at this past Saturday at Springfest and Slade House.

I sat down with the open-

minded, inviting, and talented Michetti on two separate occasions to find out his thoughts on his bands evolution, influences, and Spongebob.

VC: In terms of other bands in your general scene of music, who do you think are doing the best and most groundbreaking work?

CM: The ones that come to mind are Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey. Um, the Biscuits (The Disco Biscuits) are really good; we saw them. Also, Psychedelic Breakfast and Brothers Past. I love those guys.

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VC: What are your influences?

CM: On the guitar?

VC: Yup, on the guitar.

CM: Ok, well the top three right now would be John Petrucci of Dream Theater, of course. And, um, Frank Zappa. Always Frank Zappa. And, Jimmy Herring. So, basically, I'm into the players right now. The real technical players. Since we've talked, I've broken out the old Eric Johnson records. I'm in a real technical kind of phase right now.

VC: What is your take and feeling on the, at this point in time, undeserved and exaggerated comparison to Phish?

CM: My take on it is, you know, you gotta look at that stuff totally positive. And that's what we do. The Phish crowd in general is really a loyal crowd, and they are definitely into their stuff. And I think, sometime they come and see us, when the feedback is negative, they really haven't seen us, and just maybe living wrong lives and not experiencing good energy, and therefore being dicks. I feel like if you come see us now, I mean we've all listened to Phish,

and have somewhat been influenced by them. Not so much recently. But it's a similar kind of genre of music, its Jamband music.

VC: Yeh, I mean no band, even The Disco Biscuits still have a Phish sound from time to time.

CM: We know we'll get that forever and you just have to look at it in a positive way. Deep down, we go out and play every night, and try to sound like ourselves. Whenever anyone compares us to Phish, I look at it in a positive way.

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An Interview with Chris Michetti of RAQ

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VC: I hear just as much of Zappa as I do Trey in your playing.

CM: Well, I could probably, if I really went out there consciously thinking, "I'm going to sound like Trey," I could probably make myself sound like Trey a lot.

VC: And on that note, to be able to sound like Trey. Be as fast as he is and hit those notes that just make you cream your pants, is a really hard thing to do.

CM: Totally, like I said I haven't been playing that long. And to get that compliment, is well, he's a master. Again, it gets kind of tiring sometimes when you rally try to do something on your own and you fell like, "Wow, that was really good writing night. I came up with that. Me, Chris Michetti." And someone says, "Hey, you sound like Trey," or "You look like Trey." But, you just have to chalk it up to the positive. And you know, we're a young band and are still developing our sound.

VC: Discuss the reasons for Marc Scortino leaving (Scortino is RAQ's old keyboardist).

CM: To paraphrase, the life on the road thing and the giving it all up to go for it, which is what we're doing in this band. I mean, we live off whatever you're going

to give us for free. We just love to play. So, we just sacrifice everything we have to play. Marc is a few years older than us, and I don't think he was really willing to get down. For economic reasons he needed to make a little bit more cash than what we have, which is nothing. We were just moving in a different direction than Marc. So, we knew Todd [Stoops], and his band had just broke up. It was an amicable split. Scortino still writes some songs for us. And, it definitely worked out for the better.

VC: Yeh, Stoops really brings a different mind-set and pushes you to play new thing.

CM: Selfishly, to play with Stoops has really helped me out for the rest of my life. He's made us push. We're not going for Higher Ground sell outs, we're going for MSG sell outs.

VC: How has the addition of Stoops helped the band production?

CM: Like I said, before Stoops was there, we all worked really hard and had a fire to do it. But, since Stoops has been there, it's like totally out of control. We are always playing. If we're not playing a show, we are practicing. He is so musical it's ridiculous. He just spits out music. He's got such a great grasp on composing and writing. And these are things the

rest of us are just lacking. The bottom line, with Stoops, he has bringing to us a new way of doing things.

VC: Do you guys have plans on recording another album? And what are your thoughts on Shed Tech?

CM: We actually stopped selling Shed Tech. It was just because, when January rolled around we had been playing with Stoops for a while. And our more hard-core fans said that it just wasn't a good depiction of the band. Which, I think that Shed Tech, sounds just like another jamband. And I think we are more than just another jamband, so we shelved it. The new album is going to be recorded in about a month before and after Bonnaroo, which is going to be one of the biggest things we've ever done in our lives. Hopefully it'll be out by the fall.

VC: Lastly, here are some more important questions: yogurt or fluff?

CM: Fluff

VC: Brittany or Christina?

CM: Christina

VC: Spongebob or No Spongebob?

CM: Spongebob.

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Student Government Association: SGA Important Issues of the Year

By AMY VAILLANCOURT
Student Life Editor

Over the past year the Student Government Association Senate has supported clubs, has followed and taken action on off and on-campus issues, and has worked to inform students of the issues involving the student body.

The Student Activities Committee of the SGA Senate established a new web site: www.uvm.edu/~sgaclubs/ enabling all clubs to update their own information and events online and offer another form of advertising events on campus.

"The web site makes advertising easier on campus and currently receives an average of about 50 hits a day," said SGA President Joe Thibault.

"The SGA puts in countless hours to help all the people like me be productive in starting up a club," said the newly recognized Table Tennis Club President Dov Pechenik, "everybody's been very helpful in explaining how things work and how to get anything done. I'm grateful for the help I've received from the Student Government over the year."

"We recognized some great clubs that have all contributed to campus since becoming clubs," said President Thibault, "the Student Activities Committee plans to renovate the current club space next to the SGA Office and the area outside of the Cynic office that will allow many more clubs to utilize the space in the fall."

SGA and the Finance

Committee of SGA have allocated funds to the clubs for many different activities and competitions. These include contributing to a new boat for the Crew Club, travelling to national competitions and for community service work such as Alternative Spring Break, and others, such as tables for the Tennis Table Club.

"This year, the Finance Committee allocated \$48,000 dollars from the supplemental funding account for well over 130 events," said SGA Treasurer Jonathon Stitelman, "we also held budget hearings for five weekends early in the semester, approving budgets for around 100 clubs."

"When my deadline was fast approaching for getting a budget, the SGA helped me get recognized very quickly and have since provided enough funding for my club to get on its feet," said Dov Pechenik, "the SGA is full of hard-working and patient people who are always willing to give you some of their time and lend some help."

"From what I have seen over the past three years, this year's SGA got more accomplished than usual. The student presence downtown was strengthened, and I feel like we did everything in our power to advocate for students to the administration," said Stitelman.

The SGA has followed the changing dynamics of UVM over the past year, and have taken action on issues involving student life. During the fall semester Senators rode the late night Off-Campus Shuttle in response to safety concerns. Members of the

Student Action Committee worked with the Physical Plant to get new blue lights put in across campus as well.

Another campus-wide issue was the creation of a new Student Commons. The Senate became involved and passed a resolution in support of a new Student Commons. Another resolution regarding the creation of the Honors College was also passed by SGA, encouraging administration to give more time and consideration to the issue before implementing the program. Many members of Senate attended Board of Trustees meetings in which these issues were discussed.

"I'm really proud of our work with the Honors College," said SGA Senator Wes Tank-Day, "I think that Academic Affairs Committee did a really great job."

The Academic Affairs Committee has also taken action on many campus-wide issues. One resolution passed as proposed by the Academic Affairs Committee was in regards to cross-college majors and minors, and unified distribution requirements throughout the university.

"The SGA does not go around to gloat on what we did, but we did amazing things this year for students like getting \$200,000 for campus programming, pushing the University to complete the Blue Lights Project, getting the library open for 24 hours, pushing the Student Commons forward, working on downtown

relations, and so much more," said former SGA President Jon Badaracco.

The SGA Senate took action in regards to downtown Burlington relations as well. One issue focused on the new Downtown Noise Ordinance. The Senate passed a resolution this semester in opposition to the Noise Ordinance as it was passed, and requesting better student representation in the City Council. From April 12th through the 18th the Senate sponsored a "Green for Gold" week where students were encouraged to exchange their green dollar bills for gold coins to spend downtown. The goal was to show to the city the importance of students in the Burlington Community through the number of coins circulating downtown.

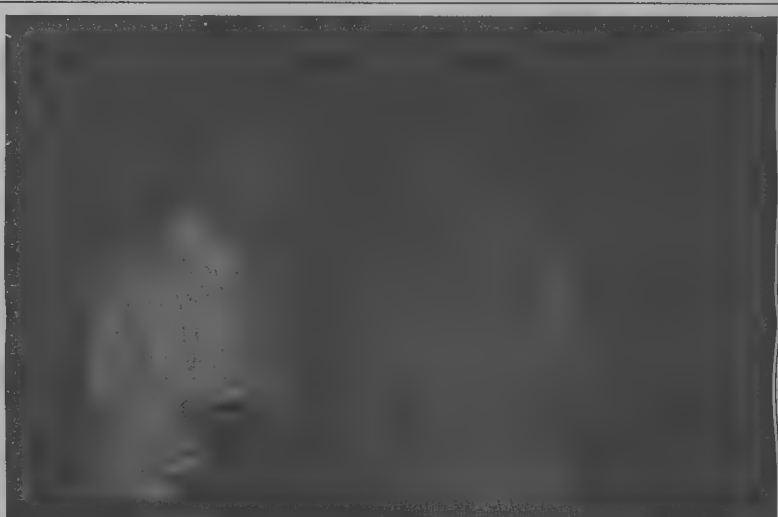
"I think out of all the resolutions that were passed, speakers that came and clubs that were officiated, the greatest accom-

plishment of the SGA was getting the student body involved with the noise ordinance and having fellow senators at each of the council meetings," said former Public Affairs Committee Chair, Portia Pascal, "these are the steps needed to dis-

suade apathy and create a cohesive bond between students and the townspeople of Burlington."

The Public Affairs Committee of SGA Senate worked to inform students on actions the Senate had taken and issues that involved the student body. Senators advertised "Green for Gold" week and create pamphlets regarding the Honors College proposal to inform students, among other issues.

"For forty students reaching out to over seven thousand, we accomplished a hell of a lot," said Pascal.



Former SGA Presidents at the Date Auction for charity April 24th, left, Jon Badaracco; right, Bill Tickner

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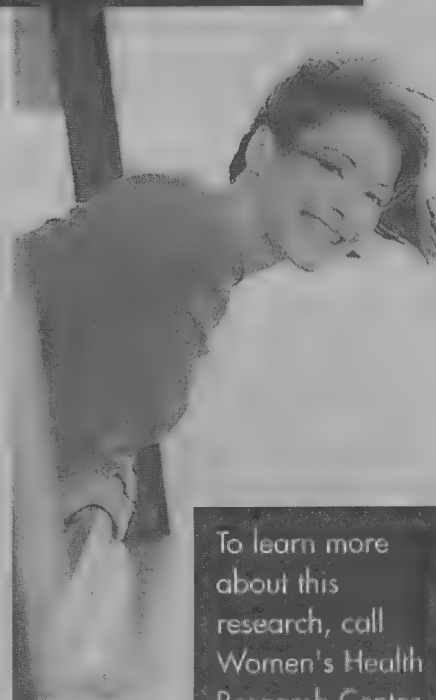
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AROUND CAMPUS

Student Life Leadership and Senior Awards Ceremony

Billings North Lounge

Thurs. May 1st 12- 1 pm

This ceremony recognizes student leaders, advisors and organizations for their contributions to the University. Please mark your calendars and offer your support. Reception to follow in the Marsh Lounge.

Conference: Imperialism Today
C C Theater, Billings Student Center

Sat. May 3rd 8 AM - 6 PM

Discussion on the context and working of the current U.S. global hegemony, the means by which control is exercised over resources and the global periphery, the maintenance of (and challenges to) ideological hegemony, and the prospects for anti-imperialism.

Information

shari.dike@uvm.edu

Catholic Center

Student Bible Study Tues. at 9pm
The Rosary - Sun. after 7pm Mass
- weekly Mass schedule:

Sat., 5pm Sunday, 9:30 am, 12pm,
and 7pm Weekdays at 12:15 Wed
night at 9pm

Christ Church Presbyterian

Informal worship followed by
bagels, fellowship Sun. 9:30 a.m

Tour North America: Kansas City BBQ

Simpson Dining Hall, Redstone
Wed. April 30th 4:30 -7 pm

Here we go on a visit to the city of fountains...the city of fun! Kansas City has whatever cuisine you're looking for, but its legendary BBQs are smoky, spicy, savory, and the absolute best! Regular prices apply.

Women of the Year Awards Ceremony

Billings Student Center North Lounge

Wed. April 30th 5:30 - 9 pm

You're Invited to join UVM's Women's Studies and the Women's Center for our Inaugural Women of the Year Awards. Madeleine Kunin, Special Guest Speaker, former governor of Vermont. Free for Students, \$8 all others. Pay at the door.

NIGHTTIME EVENTS

Top Cats Concert

Saturday May 3rd 8:30

Ira Allen Chappel

Come see the Top Cats final show of the year!! We will be saying goodbye to 2 of our members, Binks Potter and Tim Wheelock.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Film: Schindler's List

Tuesday April 29th 7:00 PM

Living/Learning Room 216

World War II International Film Series presented by The WWII History & Film Program: Free refreshments!

Piano Concert: Frederic Chiu

Fri. May 2nd 7:30 - 10 pm

UVM Recital Hall, Music Building, Redstone

Tickets: \$25/\$5 students with ID at door.

<http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries>

CLUB EVENTS

Chemistry Cookout (Club: Chem Cats Club)

April 30th 5:00 pm.

Location: the green behind Cook building Cookout - hamburgers, veggie burgers, etc. Games include basketball, volley ball, soccer, frisbee. Rain (or snow) - food inside Cook building.

Table Tennis Club

Wed. and Fri. @ 7 p.m. at the Harris - Millis Lobby

Climbing Club

Climbing Wall at the Patrick Gym open at 5-10pm Sun-Thurs

Salle Catamount Fencing Club

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9pm Marsh Dining Hall

Kayak Club

Pool sessions in Gutterson from 8-9:30 Friday nights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

- THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Every Thursday in April Wearing black on Thursdays indicates that you are tired of putting up with rape and violence in your community.

GAYpril

This month UVM's LGBTQA Services Office is hosting GAYpril, a month to celebrate and recognize the LGBTQA community.

Quiet Hours

April 30th 11:00 PM

24 Hour Quiet Hours Begin!

All UVM Residence Halls

Continues until 4:00 PM on Friday, May 9th.

Have an event or club to advertise? Want something printed in the Student Life Calendar?
Contact cynic@zoo.uvm.edu

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Dear Dr. Schmynic,

For the entire last semester, my roommate has been using my razor regularly because she doesn't have one of her own. Obviously this is un-hygienic as well as disturbing, but I'm not sure whether or not to confront

her with only a few days left. I'd really like to leave on good terms, should I say anything to her?

- Grossed out at the Gut

Dear Grossed out in the Gut,

Well, other than the razor thing, has your roommate done anything else to make you 'disturbed'? Is there something else upsetting the relationship? There is obviously something stopping you from simply asking

her to stop, if you feel something could be accomplished by discussing it with her. You could also let it go, as I'm assuming you won't be roommates again, and it won't continue to be a problem. Bon Chance!

- Dr. Schmynic

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A Hour In The Life Of William

by C&D

20 minutes and 2 bowls later he finally got her upstairs. It was easy. She was so smashed. As he tried to negotiate her Gucci halter-top, she unbuttoned his pants and he instantly (somewhat pathetically, he thought) got hard.

The sex was static and resembled something close to robotic. There was nothing. Will noticed, but didn't care to point out to her that she was lying in a puddle of beer. He pulled out, got up off the floor and lit a cigarette by the window. That was the emptiest sex he'd had this semester.

William Ashton Roberts was a 19-year-old sophomore hanging on by a thread of his family's generous financial contributions to Northfield College. Will really wasn't all that concerned about academic standing; he'd been kicked out of schools before and someone always fixed things for him. There was lovely Deerfield, where he had sold copious amounts of weed (and some slightly harder drugs) only to get finally busted for it. Then there was the Choate incident with that young French teacher; Will didn't even think the sex had been that remarkable.

People said that he had inherited his classic good looks- tall and dark with careless hair- from his mother and Will didn't mind this, since she was the second-most most beautiful woman he had ever met and very wealthy, besides. Mother came from an affluent Savannah family, typical Southern belle- she's was the one with the money. She had met Will's father when they were both abroad: she studying French impressionism at the Sorbonne, he getting by on 5 francs and a pack a day, his only means of income supplied by his mediocre poetry sporadically published in a local Left bank paper.

Will guessed they'd been in love at some point but these days, Mother was screwing the accountant and Dad just had his poetry, which Will always thought was kind of lame anyway. They were still married, his parents, and this was perhaps the most depressing thing of all.

His father, a professor Emeritus of Literature at the University of Virginia stays in a run-down little cottage not far from the campus. Will could've gone to UVA but the thought of four years in such close proximity to his father made him ill. Anyway, he probably would've O.D.'d on all the sketchy drugs he would take in attempt to deal with his father's depression, gotten beat up by a frat boy and eventually failed out. Not that he was doing so stellar up here at Northfield but at least the weed was good.

Will didn't think that he "dated" but all the easy freshman girls were attracted to him. William would watch them at parties, if only to ward off boredom, and every now and then he would get drunk enough and screw one of them.

He would wake up the next morning feeling vacant hung-over, and lonely. It was how he usually felt in the mornings and it was only at night, when Will was drunk, at parties, that he could almost stop thinking about his dad's poetry or mother's drinking.

Will took a last drag of his cigarette and wished he hadn't wasted that last eighth on her. Feeling vaguely horny again, he nudged the girl on the floor with his foot, only to find her passed out. He thought about screwing her again but decided against it. He lit another cigarette, watching the snow that had begun to fall outside the window.

A Salute To Graduating Seniors, We'll Miss You

By ANNA CAPUTO
Cynic Sports Editor

It's that time of year again when the graduating seniors from UVM and across the world are thinking seriously about the future and making some decisions about paths to take and lives to lead.

The past two years have been a particularly difficult time for job seekers in part because of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the ensuing recession and slowing of the global economy, which decreases the demand for American goods.

The recession is reportedly over, however, and that means more jobs for people like UVM senior Jeremy Cairns, a Biology major from Colorado Springs, Colorado, who is looking to get a job to get his foot in the door and then enter medical school after a year or so. Says Cairns, "Overall, I'm pretty excited, but I'm nervous because I don't have a job yet. I've been trying to find a job either back in Colorado or in California."

The draw of the Western U.S. seems to be prevalent among the seniors here at UVM. Cairns mentions the weather as an obvious component of the attraction of the west coast. "I wouldn't mind being in a little bit of a warmer climate, compared to Vermont, and if all else fails I'll just go and be a ski bum back in Colorado."

Cairns' method for job hunting has consisted of a lot of online searching and then emailing resumes. This is usually followed up by a phone interview or a personal interview if the location is near enough.

The UVM Career Services Center, located in the Living/Learning E building is a wealth of information for students wishing to seek information regarding job opportunities and "identifying and attaining their career and life-long learning goals," as the CSC's website aptly states. The website, www.uvm.edu/~career/, could also be used by seniors to perform job searches, make connections with alumni, post resumes, and look for graduate schools and programs. They even offer tips on how to go about searching for a job, build a resume, write a cover letter and develop interview skills.

Along with the CSC website, there are a lot of other organizations out there that exist only to help recent college graduates find a job. Basically all one would have to do is type in "job search" in Google or one of the many search engines available for public use, and a plethora of organizations for job searching are at your fingertips. One graduating UVM senior from Barre, Vermont, Rebekah Stuwe, who formed her own major, Integrated Resources in the College of Natural Resources, has found one of these such organizations. It is called Southern Teachers and places recent graduates in educational environments with room for growth into higher positions.

Stuwe plans on living at home for the summer in hopes of putting away some savings, and will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a position with Southern Teachers. "I would be happy earning a living and working with kids in any capacity, though." Stuwe expresses the idealism that is evident in the mentalities of many new college graduates.

Matthew Griffiths, a senior Studio Art major from Poolesville, Maryland has chosen to wait on the whole job search but has a pretty good idea of what he wants to do. "I'm excited to graduate. I'm sad to leave all of my friends, but it's exciting to move on." Griffiths, who works with the child-based community program DREAM, has discovered much about what he wants to do through is community service affiliation. "I've found within the last two years that whatever I do I have to be extremely community based because I've gotten so much reward out of working with the kids in DREAM."

I think that whether I'm working with DREAM later-on, which is a possibility, or whatever community I'm in, the important thing is just reaching out to that community, and doing whatever I can. That's going to make my life worthwhile whatever I do." It's this kind of positive outlook that really exemplifies for many, the graduating class of 2003 at the University of Vermont. Whether working for non-profits, major corporations, Mom and Pop businesses, or just going home to live with Mom and Pop, this class will have an effect on every community that it reaches and will no doubt never forget the years spent together at UVM.

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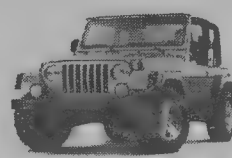
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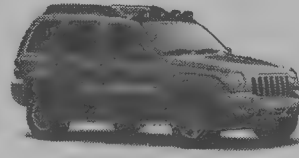
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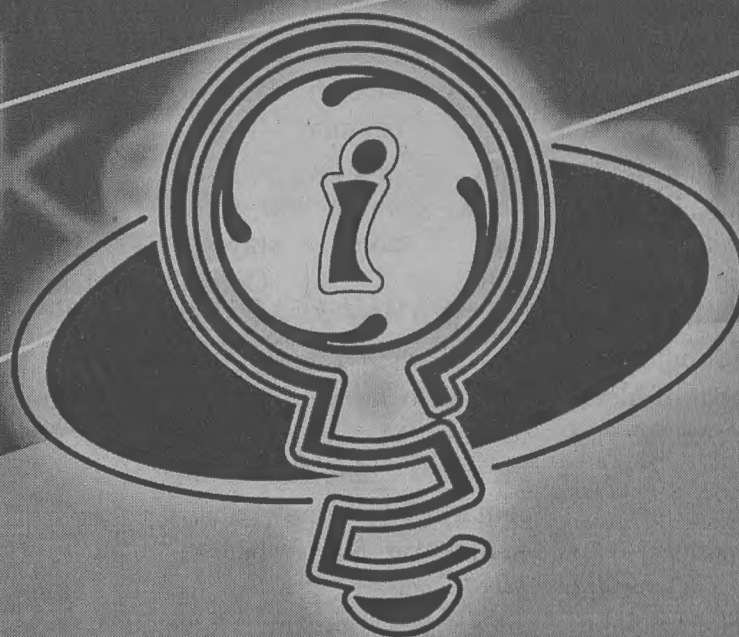


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The University of Vermont: A History of Supporting Diversity Through 1991

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Vermont outlaws slavery in its constitution.

1800's

During the early 1800's, Vermont played a vital role in the Underground Railroad by helping escaped slaves make their way to freedom. Escaped slaves traveled through Vermont to Canada via two "trunks" of the Underground Railroad. Montpelier was the most active station on the loosely organized, secret network of people, but Burlington had the largest number of identified conductors on the railroad.

1933 April 1

Vermont Governor Stanley Wilson signed into law "An Act for Human Betterment by Voluntary Sterilization" seeking to control the population of the "feeble-minded." "Henceforth it shall be the policy of the state to prevent procreation of idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded or insane persons," the law read, in part.

Passage of the Vermont bill was dependent upon the support of, among others, U.S. District Court Judge Harland B. Howe, and Henry Perkins, a professor of zoology at the University of Vermont. Perkins was the first director of the Fleming Museum (1931-1945), and the founder in 1925 of the Eugenics Survey of Vermont.

The thrust of eugenics, named by Charles Darwin's cousin Francis Galton, was to "improve" and manipulate the human gene pool by weeding out those deemed undesirable. "Eugenics is the study of agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations either physically or mentally," Galton wrote.

1984 Spring

The faculty senate pledged agreement with affirmative action and diversity. It also requested the administration to impose sanctions on deans, chairpersons, and search committees that failed to recruit minority and women faculty members.

One outcome of the faculty deliberations was the Minority Incentives Program to subsidize departmental searches for minority faculty, providing up to \$20,000 for advertising, travel, and other associated costs. While welcoming such a program, detractors call it tokenism. Professor Laura Fishman: "Notice, they are visiting scholars, blacks coming and going, but not staying."

1987 October The UVM Record headline reads: "Intense drive vowed to attract minorities to UVM community." President Lattie Coor in his remarks to the Faculty Senate on September 16, 1987 stated, "It is not acceptable not to have greater diversity within the ranks. We will commit financial support and enhance programs. We will not (merely) throw money at the problems, but will find the resources."

1988 20 March -- UVM Coalition Forms

Citing similar difficulties in dealing with the UVM administration, representatives and members of six UVM minority and women's rights groups have come together in an unprecedented coalition effort.

The participants in two recent meetings feel that ethnic minorities, women, and others excluded from the mainstream of University life need to form a "united front" to demand reforms from the UVM administration. The as-yet-unnamed coalition seeks to draw together the member's of oppressed people's groups including the Asian-American Student Union (AASU), the Black Student Union (BSU), the Cultural Connection, the Disabled Student Union (DSU), the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance (GLBA), and the Women's Organization and Resource Center (WORK).

1988 17 April Waterman Takeover

Students occupy UVM administration building demanding commitment to a

larger minority presence on campus.

1988 22 April Waterman Agreement Signed

Protest ends with President Lattie Coor's agreeing to a timeline for hiring minority faculty and recruiting more minority students.

1988-89

Race & Culture Class developed, implemented on a limited basis

1989 27 December

UVM President Lattie Coor resigns

1990 14 July

George Davis appointed UVM President.

1990 Fall

Davis refuses to sign Waterman agreement, agrees to sign alternative plan.

1991 January

President Davis announces he will not sign alternative plan.

1990-91 Academic Year

Increased incidents of racial tensions on campus.

1991 22 April Second Waterman Takeover

Twenty-two students take over the president's office in the University of Vermont's Waterman Building and issue 18 demands for greater racial awareness and presence on campus. Hundreds of students gather in support. A personal perspective offered in an essay written by eight of the students who occupied the president's office in May 1991: Karl Jagbanhandsingh, Christiana Keith, David Kim, John Kusakabe, Lynn Pono, Lisa Razo, Allen Urgent, and Josh Mitsuo Weiner.

April 23

UVM President

George Davis climbs a ladder to his office several times to talk to the occupying students. He delays deadlines for the students to take down barricades.

April 24

Davis announces force will not be used to end the occupation and he will not negotiate during the occupation.

April 25

Hunger strike begins

May 3

Hunger strike ends

May 9

Davis says "the nature of the occupation" of his offices has changed and announces he can no longer rule out the use of force.

May 10

Student supporters of the protesters begin construction of Diversity University -- a collection of tents and shanties the group says will be the site of alternative education courses to make up for UVM's lack of cultural diversity.

May 12

A pre-dawn raid by 56 police officers results in the arrest of eight students and one faculty member in Davis' office. Eleven more are arrested outside the Waterman Building.

1991 14 May

Four UVM shuttlebuses destroyed by fire.

1991 Summer

Classes held in Diversity University

Internal trials of seventeen students held, resulting in fines & probation, with questions as to validity of hearings, two of the students

expelled, academic reasons.

Diversity University students say they are maintaining 24-hour security watches over their "campus" because of threats.

1991 16 June

New UVM Provost Dalmas Taylor meets with Diversity University students. Davis has said Taylor, who is black, was offered the job as UVM's No. 2 academic official before the takeover of his offices.

1991 04 August

Citing the threats and a concern for the safety of students, Davis announces curfew at Diversity University structure between 12 am - 6 am.

1991 18 August

Vandals level Diversity University. The shacks are rebuilt a day later, with UVM's help. Eventually, a sizeable and relatively conventional building is constructed.

1991 19 August

Diversity University rebuilt, twenty-four hour watch arranged by students.

1991 05 September

With tensions on campus still running high over the issue of cultural diversity, the administration has taken steps to smooth race relations on campus. A Board of Trustees resolution has established a new program that combines both an executive committee and forums open to the entire UVM community. It is their hope that this proposal will help in attaining common diversity objectives.

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By BRETT WEIR
West Coast Sports Analyst

While living here in San Diego I realized that I could not live solely by surfing, watching Baywatch and making Hot Pockets in the microwave. As glamorous as that sounds, it just didn't pay the rent.

I found a job with a TV show called Planet X where I go around hanging out with athletes and get inside their head to see what makes them tick. I skateboard with Andy MacDonald and Eric Kosten, surf with Joel Tudor and dine with Junior Seau and Drew Brees.

Trust me when I say: It does not suck.

I found myself sitting atop the famous halfpipe at the Mission YMCA with Andy MacDonald going over a ridiculous list of questions my producer asked me to ask. I followed up the 'button-fly or zippers' question with, "Why do you like skateboarding?"

He gave an answer that was clearly something that he truly meant and felt strongly about. He told me that the feeling of skateboarding was one thing that really made it special to him. The rolling wheels on the asphalt, being launched into the air, grinding trucks on the metal coping; the feel of skateboarding.

A week later I was sitting in the lineup at the legendary surf spot called Windandsea letting the sun beat hard on my face while watching the horizon waiting for the peak set to roll

through.

Minutes later an overhead set graced the reef and everyone started paddling in all directions. Incredibly, I was in the right place to catch the first wave so I put my head down and paddled in.

The wave began to carry me and I looked around to make sure I wasn't cutting off any local who would surely threaten my life if I did. I had the wave so I took a breath and dropped in.

Instantly I was at the bottom of the wave as I looked up to something about the height of the ceiling of the room I am in right now. Nothing in my mind worked at that moment. My bottom turn that brought me to the middle of the wave was instinctual.

The only thing that I was truly paying attention to as I was at the mercy of the immense force of water was the sound of the wave. I could hear the wind blowing the top of the wave and my fins slicing through the ocean. I stuck my hand out to slow me down and the sound of my fingers running through the wave was pure.

I looked in front of me to see a crowd of people trying to get out of my way. I put all my weight on my heels and wove in and out of hoots, hollers and small words that were not meant to be heard.

I could hear the wave crashing inches from my ear as I pulled back into it so I pumped my legs to speed up.

My board glided across the wave while the decibel meter

reached that similar to a tranquility fountain.

As the wave approached the beach I could hear the kids playing in the sand so I knew that was my cue to exit the wave and paddle out again.

As I regained my senses I realized that in a similar way that Andy is passionate about the feel of skateboarding I am passionate about the sound of surfing.

It is the one thing that truly sparks my senses where I hear everything involved with riding the wave. This resounded in me, and every wave after that I could do nothing but just listen to the water under my board, my fins cutting turns and my hands digging into the wave.

This is something that everyone should be able to experience. A chef might create amazing concoctions for the taste of a wonderful dish. A tennis player might enjoy the smell of fresh air, clay court and a new can of tennis balls. An artist will paint a beautiful landscape and then recreate it on their canvas in front of them to capture it forever.

If you are able to go out this summer and find something that makes you aware of one of your senses; the sound of a basketball dribbling or the touch of shooting billiard balls.

Whatever it takes, find it because you won't see, hear, feel, touch or taste that thing in the same way ever again.

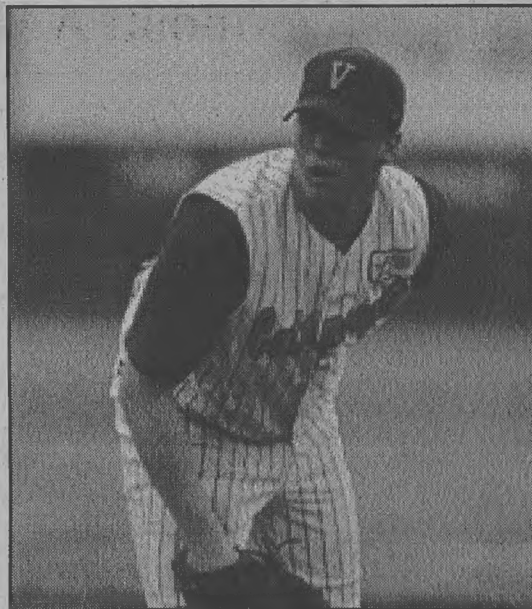


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Derek Miller gets ready to face another batter in vermont's surprising loss to Plattsburgh State on Thursday afternoon. The Cats are now 18-6 and have an outstanding ERA of 2.53 as they finish of the season and head into playoffs.

Merchant is National Leader

UVM Senior right-handed pitcher Jamie Merchant of the is second in the nation with a sparkling 0.95 earned run average while the Catamount pitching staff is third in among NCAA Division I teams with a 2.53 team ERA.

Merchant has been dominating this season for coach Bill Currier's Catamounts who are 18-6 overall and 3-1 in the America East. In five starts he is 4-0 allowing just four earned runs, 24 hits and six walks in 38 innings. He leads the team with 41 strikeouts and opponents are hitting just .173 against him, second in the America East. Along with Merchant, three other Catamounts rank among the top seven pitchers in ERA in the America East.

Senior righty Jeff Dixon is second at 1.15, sophomore lefty Derek Miller is third at 1.71 and junior lefthander Justin Bissonnette is seventh with a 3.47 ERA.

Dixon, at 6-0, is the confer-

ence leader in wins while Miller (3-1), named America East Pitcher of the Week on Monday, leads the league with two shutouts and has the lowest opponent batting average, .168.

Vermont's outstanding team ERA of 2.53 is nearly a run and a half better than the next in the America East (Maine, 3.94) and is just below only traditional baseball powers Virginia Commonwealth (2.38) and the nation's third-ranked team, Rice (2.42). It is slightly ahead of Florida State (2.56) and Cal. State Fullerton (2.67), who are the #1 or #2 teams in the nation in the USA Today-ESPN, Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball News polls.

UVM, New England's top-ranked team and #12 in the Northeast, is also 12th in the nation with a .750 winning percentage and is 46th in the nation in unofficial RPI (Ratings Percentage Index).

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LAX Cats Fourth Seed for America East Tournament

Men's Lacrosse

University of Vermont men's lacrosse goalie Michael Gabel is the nation's leader in save percentage and Vermont is second nationally in two defensive categories in the most recent NCAA Division I statistics released Wednesday.

Gabel, a sophomore, has been outstanding this season for Coach Steve Beville. He leads the nation in save percentage (.672) and is second nationally in goals-against average (5.97). Gabel has played in all but 15 minutes for Vermont, 5-56 overall, and has allowed 59 goals while recording 122 saves. He leads

the America East conference in both categories, and is on pace to set a new school record for lowest GAA in a season. The current record is 7.99, set by former standout Scott Beville in 1994.

Vermont is also among the national team leaders. The Catamounts are second in scoring defense, allowing just 6.18 goals a game, and second in man-down defense, allowing only five opponent goals in 43 man-up attempts.

The Catamounts played their final home game of the regular season at UVM's Centennial Field Saturday, hosting Albany at 1:00pm.

Albany got goals from six different players and held off a

late Vermont rally to defeat the Catamounts, 8-6.

With the loss, Vermont is now 5-7 overall and 2-3 in conference play. The Catamounts are the #4 seed in the America East tournament, and will play at top-seeded Hartford Wednesday at 7:00pm. Stony Brook will play at Albany at 3:00pm Wednesday in the other conference semifinal.

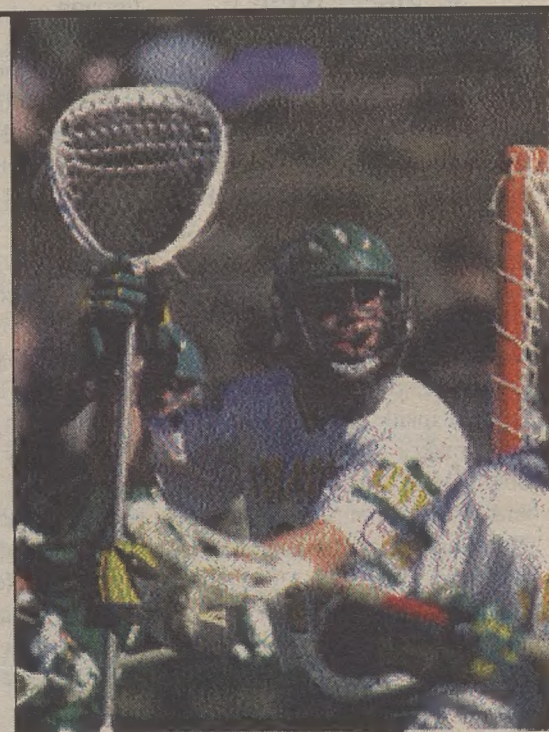
The Great Danes, 4-1 in the conference and 8-5 overall, had a 3-2 lead after the first quarter and expanded on that lead, scoring five unanswered goals at one point to take a 6-2 lead with 3:10 remaining in the second quarter on Luke Daquino's goal.

Vermont cut the lead to 6-3 with a late first-half goal by Mike Maher, his second goal of the game.

Albany took a 7-3 lead on Chris Driscoll's first of two goals with 12:44 remaining in the third quarter. Vermont then scored three straight, getting goals from Phil McKnight, R.J. Harrison and Mark Prior to make it 7-6. The Catamounts could get no closer, though, as Albany's Driscoll scored with 9:22 remaining in the fourth quarter to give Albany a two-goal edge.

Gabel made 12 saves for the Catamounts, while Kevin Rae stopped 14 for Albany.

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Sophomore Michael Gabel leads the Nation in save percentage with an outstanding .672.

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Vanessa Cox Scores Five, Lifts Team to Third Seed; Will Play UNH



Sophomore Vanessa Cox has become a National leader in goals and assists

She has now recorded eight points twice in the last two weeks.

Cox, who had four more goals in a 12-11 overtime loss at Sacred Heart Monday, leads the team in scoring with 37 goals and six assists for 43 points.

Before the Sacred Heart game, Cox's 33 goals in 10 games (3.3 a game) placed her sixth nationally in goals per game. In addition, her 39 points (3.90 a game) were 16th in the country among all Division I players.

In recognition of her outstanding week, Cox was named to the womenslacrosse.com National Honor Roll.

Last season, Cox had 16 goals and two assists for 18 points in 14 games. In less than two seasons, Cox is closing in on the all-time top ten in career goals at Vermont with 53. Her 37 goals thus far this season are fourth-best

all-time, and her 43 points are tied for sixth all-time.

Vermont took on Boston University on Friday at Centennial Field and trudged away with a 17-1 loss, the team's worst loss of the season.

Boston University's Alyssa Trudel, a sophomore from Shoreham, Vt., and Lindsay Lewis each scored four goals as the Terriers ousted the Catamounts in America East action.

Boston University, 11-4 and 4-0 in America East play, jumped out to a 12-1 lead at halftime and cruised from there. The best team in the conference, BU has now scored 75 goals in four America East games while giving up only seven.

Vermont, then 3-9 overall and 1-3 in the conference, got its lone goal early in the first half when Ali Mitchell (Davidsonville, Md.) scored off an assist from Sara Talbot (Williston, Vt.).

Kate McBride (Canton, Mass.) had two saves in 30 minutes of action for the Catamounts, while Megan Farrell (South Londonderry, Vt.) stopped three in relief. Boston University's Anne Sheridan recorded three saves on four shots.

The Catamounts closed out

the regular season Sunday at 11:00am with a home game against America East foe Stony Brook.

Vermont's Vanessa Cox scored five goals, giving her 42 on the season, and Sara Talbot added a goal and three assists as the Catamounts defeated Stony Brook, 12-7, in America East women's lacrosse action Sunday at UVM's Centennial Field.

Vermont's win, combined with Albany's 19-3 win over Binghamton, created a three-way tie between the Catamounts, Stony Brook and Albany for the final two America East playoff spots.

The first five tie-breakers did not break the tie, so the names of two schools were selected at random. Stony Brook and Vermont were selected, and Vermont gets the #3 seed because of its win over the Seawolves.

The Catamounts, who have now qualified for the post-season for the second straight year, will play second-seeded New Hampshire Thursday at 3:30pm at Boston University.

The top-seeded Terriers take on Stony Brook at 1:00pm Thursday. The championship game will be Saturday at 12:00pm at Boston University.

Vermont, 4-9 overall and 2-3

in conference play, jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Talbot, Erin Hall (Montpelier, Vt.) and Cox before Stony Brook countered with a the first of two goals from Danielle Werner.

The Catamounts had a 6-2 lead at the half and kept the Seawolves at bay with six second-half goals.

Hall had two goals for Coach Kissy Rowley's team, while Molly Sheehan (Salisbury, Vt.) had two goals and two assists. Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Middlebury, Vt.) and Katie Sobocinski (Larchmont, N.Y.) also scored for Vermont.

Cox's 42 goals this season are third-best in school history. Former standout Lyn Jordan '85 had 57 goals in 1984 and 45 goals in 1985. The 48 points by Cox this season are tied for fourth-best all-time, with only Jordan and Courtney LaMere '02.

Stony Brook was led by Werner's two goals, while Marrisa Trachtenberg had two goals and an assist and Kerri McCabe contributed two assists.

Kate McBride had seven saves for Vermont while Gina DeNezzo and Ashley Blake combined for three stops for Stony Brook.

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Women's Lacrosse

Sophomore women's lacrosse standout Vanessa Cox (Newton, Mass.) is among the national leaders in two categories, and has been honored by a national website for her play last week.

Cox scored 12 goals and added four assists for 16 points last week. In a 21-5 win over Binghamton, she tied the school record for points in a game with eight (five goals, three assists).

Softball Loses Two to Albany, Drop to 3-15

Women's Softball

The Albany Great Danes swept visiting Vermont, 1-0 and 9-1, in an America East doubleheader this afternoon.

In game one, Albany scored the lone run of the game in its first at-bat. Liz Wieboldt doubled to left field and scored on a sacrifice fly by teammate Ashley Rios.

That was all the offense the Great Danes would need as Andrea Lindgren tossed a three-hitter and struck out 10 batters

to earn her 13th win of the season with the 1-0 shutout. Angie Totaro tossed a complete game for Vermont, allowing six hits and striking out three batters.

Albany struck again in the first inning in game two, plating four runs to take a 4-0 lead into the third. Vermont cut the margin to 4-1 in the top of the third inning, but the Great Danes answered with four more runs in the bottom half of the frame to break the game open and go on to the 9-1 win. Kristin Couris and Danielle Buyea combined to scatter six hits and five strike-

outs. Kara Massey went the distance for Vermont on the mound, allowing seven hits and striking out four batters.

Vermont falls to 5-21 overall and 3-15 in America East, while Albany improves to 24-6 overall and 9-2 in the league. The Catamounts returned to action on Sunday when they hosted Maine in a doubleheader at 12:00pm at Post Field.

Based on their record (5-21), it's safe to say that they lost that doubleheader.

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Cats Lose 4-1 to Stony Brook

Women's Tennis

In Women's tennis, the University of Vermont Catamounts were eliminated from the America East Championship by Stony Brook University.

Vermont, the #5 seed, was defeated 4-1 by the #4 seed, Stony Brook. This was only the second time the Catamounts had faced the Seawolves of Stony Brook, since the Seawolves entered the conference.

In their previous match on April 12, Stony Brook defeated Vermont, 5-2.

The Catamounts lone point was earned by Allie Taylor (Mequon,

Wis.) who defeated the Seawolves' number five singles player Claire Shean, 7-5, 6-2.

Battling in the number three doubles slot, Mandy Harrison (Perth, Australia) and Kyna Delaney (North Haven, Conn.) were victorious over Georgia Bushell and Shean, 8-3. Delaney was leading Lauren Conching of Stony Brook, 6-4, 3-2, before the match was called due to the team match being decided.

The Catamounts end their season with a record of 6-14.

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